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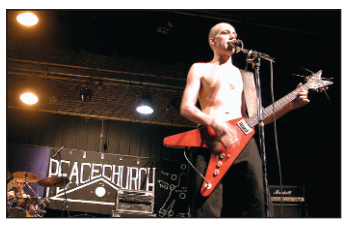

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Possibility of war concerns students, faculty

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Like America, many Missouri Southern students stand divided on the possibility of war with Iraq.

"I think it's unnecessary," said Mysti Byrd, senior speech communications major. "The government is trying to link Iraq to Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda and what happened on Sept. 11."

Byrd said the government should think of a variety of different solutions before it invades Iraq.

"I don't believe in war, period," Byrd said.

On Feb. 5, Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke to the U.N.'s Security Council where he presented evidence from U.S. intelligence of banned Iraqi weapons.

Although there's evidence, it still bothers Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of history, that other world powers aren't supporting the United States.

"France and Germany are afraid of how we use our power," St. Clair said. "Well, so am I."

St. Clair said the U.S. government can be looked at like a professor-student relationship.

"A professor has power over students," St. Clair said. "You just hope they use that power appropriately and with respect."

St. Clair agrees with Bush and his feelings on Saddam Hussein, but still questions the movement.

"Saddam is despicable," she said. "But is it our choice to see him go...is that our right?"

Heidi Hockensmith, junior criminal justice major, disagrees. She believes war is the only way.

"Yeah, let's go to war," Hockensmith said. "Don't mess with us, right."

On Jan. 29, members of the Joplin Peace Awareness Group, including some Southern students and faculty, participated in an anti-war demonstration. Several peaceful protests have occurred in the past couple weeks throughout the region.

Penny Honeycutt, social science secretary, believes in a peaceful resolution as well.

"We should be able to defend ourselves, but we shouldn't be a bully either," Honeycutt said. "The whole world should not be Americanized."

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Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Mandy Betty serves lunch to Southern students. Residence hall students will have two meal plan options, plus meal exchange, during 2003-2004.

RHA updates meal options for students

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Due to improvements and changes made in room and board contracts, the Lion's Den and campus cafeteria may experience a feeding frenzy next year.

Starting for the fall 2003 semester, residence hall students will have two meal plan options plus meal exchange. In the past, students had only one choice of 20 meals per week.

"Basically, the reason we've done that is that it was the most economical, the cheapest plan for our students," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "But students are telling us, 'Hey, we want choices, and we're willing to pay for those choices.'"

The Residence Hall Association Food Service Committee created the new plans.

With meal exchange, all residence hall students will be permitted to eat any breakfast or lunch offered Monday through Friday at the Lion's Den Food Court in Billingsly Student Center instead of

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Residence Hall Fees 2003-2004

	Option I	Option II
Double Rooms	$2,240	$2,170
Apartment Units	$2,440	$2,370
Suites	$2,640	$2,570
Private Rooms	$2,940	$2,870

*Option I includes 20 meals plus meal exchange
*Option II includes 10 meals plus meal exchange

Bill Shepherd/The Chart.

The flag flies at half-staff in memory of the crewmembers of Columbia.

Campus reacts to shuttle disaster

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

The Space Shuttle Columbia flared and broke up in the skies over Texas on Feb. 1 killing the seven astronauts on board.

At Missouri Southern, the campus remembered the crew members.

"We lowered the flag to halfmast in memory of the astronauts," said College President Julio León.

The disaster, almost 17 years to the day that seven astronauts were killed in the Challenger explosion, places the space shuttle program on hold.

"There have been so many flights since the Challenger, that they have become almost routine, and we have come to expect that the mission would be carried out safely without problems," León said. "We take it for granted. We tend to forget just how dangerous it is and how much the astronauts are risking. So it's a tragedy that reminds us the dangerous type of activity that one or two of our graduates are involved in."

Three-flight veteran Dr. Janet Kavandi graduated from Southern with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1980. Kavandi as well as other members of NASA were unable to comment due to a gag order.

Maj. Tony Moffatt graduated in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. He is currently on loan to the space program from the U.S. Army.

News reports said Columbia lost contact with the ground around 9 a.m. EST Feb. 1 and fell apart in minutes as it headed for a landing after a largely trouble-free, 16-day mission dedicated to science.

"Six months ago I lost my mom, and my grandmother is terminally ill," said Gayle Castor, senior graphic arts major. "Knowing how it feels to lose someone close to you, my heart goes out to the family of those on board."

"We've become complacent to space travel, but the fact that this happened when they were on their way home, they were safe and had accomplished what they had went for and at the last minute, they lost it all," said Waudenna Agee, library secretary.

Street sign project under way

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

After years of discussion and prompting from the Student Senate, the roads on Missouri Southern's campus will be named.

Signs have been ordered and should arrive within next week.

"I think it will be great for the College," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "We really needed it, it is something we should have done a long time ago because it is difficult to explain to people how to get around on campus."

Safety is the main reason the College is posting street signs.

Street signs would help the Post Office, emergency response vehicles as well as delivery vehicles.

Senate unanimously voted to allocate $1,000 toward the cost of the signs. The physical plant will absorb the remainder of the $1,500 cost of the signs. The physical plant will be installing the signs when they arrive.

"We have all the locations for the signs staked out and my mechanical people have checked to make sure they don't cut utility lines or something of that nature," said Bob Harrington, physical plant manager.

The signs were supposed to have been here this week, but Missouri Vocational Enterprises ran out of the reflective material needed to produce them.

"I think this (naming the streets) will increase school spirit and pride in Southern," said Zack Odem, Senate president. "It's a beautification project with practical benefits. This shows a lot of trust and respect from them (the administration) toward us."

The signs have a reflective dark green background with yellow lettering and a yellow lion head.

"The Student Senate president came to see me and asked if they could spearhead the project," said Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs. "I think we are big enough now that we warrant signs."

The Senate gave a list of prospective names to León. With his approval, the list was forwarded to the city for approval. One prospective name, Scenic Drive, was rejected because Joplin already has a Scenic Drive, and this would cause confusion with the 911 system.

León then named the road Julie Hughes Drive in memory of a former Southern faculty member. Hughes retired from teaching at Southern in 1985.

"I have always had a great fondness for Julie Hughes because she was an outstanding faculty member," León said.

"She was, in a sense, the original study abroad person. She traveled a lot and always encouraged student travel, and she lead some student groups abroad."

"We were officemates since 1964 until she retired in 1985," said Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science. "We stayed very close until her death. I was with her through her illness and spoke at her funeral [in May 2002]."

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 43
Low: 21

SUNDAY
Flurries Possible
High: 41
Low: 23

For complete weather, turn to Page 2

ONLINE

Check out this week's poll question at www.thechartonline.com: What do you think of the proposed campus street names?

Alcohol rules under debate

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

Trent Dobrauc, senior senator, raised concerns about Missouri Southern's dry campus status.

He said on Dec. 3, five cases of wine were consumed at a social function in the Billingsly Student Center.

"It's like having a dry city," said John Smith, sophomore senator. "You don't have booze in the courthouse."

"I'm trying to uphold equality," Dobrauc said. "I don't care if it (the campus) is wet or dry. I want to get rid of the gray area."

The student handbook prohibits the use of alcohol by any Southern student on campus. However, it does not explicitly include all functions that take place on the campus.

"I don't feel that the students should be held to one system and others a different system," Dobrauc said. "Basically, going back to the separate but equal."

"There is going to be some amount of presidential discretion, and I would say that is what happened in this incident," said Zack Odem, Senate president.

A committee was formed to further investigate alcohol policies on campus.

In other news, Delta Epsilon Chi asked for $800 to fund a trip Feb. 13-14 to Lake of the Ozarks.

The conference will provide students enrichment and an opportunity to compete against other chapters in Missouri and earn the right to attend the International Career Development Conference.

The Senate finance committee recommended and Senate allocated $1,000 to the club.

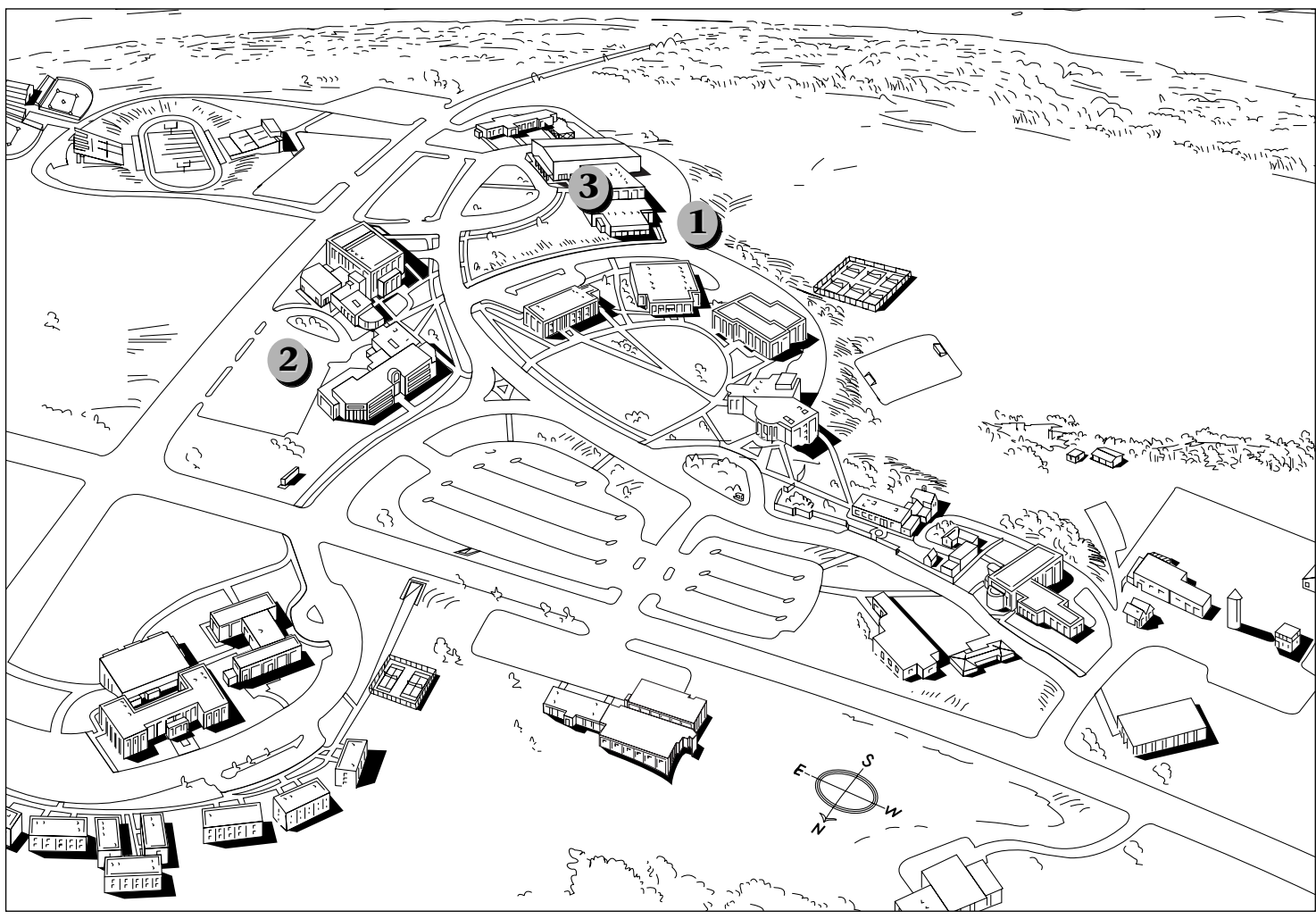
The National Broadcasting Society requested $1,000 to attend a NBS convention in St. Louis.

The finance committee recommended $700 for the seven members going on the trip.

"We have a $100 per person attempted guideline," said Andrew McGowan, treasurer.

"I'm upset that organizations who are going on a trip that would benefit them educationally and represent the school on a state, national and international level, and they have been reduced or completely cut out," Smith said.

"All we are is a bank," said Sarah Seibert, senior senator. "We don't do anything for the students on campus. I'm so sick of fighting with them (finance committee). They have either reduced or eliminated four requests so far this year."



Athlete taken into custody after assaulting referee

1 Accident

01/30/2003

11:38 a.m.

A vehicle was backing out from a parking space and hit an oncoming car with the left rear bumper, damaging the right front fender of the car.

2 Accident

02/03/2003

Noon

A driver was heading south in lot 23, when another vehicle backed into the car's path. The right front of the first car struck the right rear of the second car.

3 Assault

02/03/2003

7:55 p.m.

An official at one of the intramural basketball games called a technical foul against a player, at which time the player became belligerent.

The player approached the official and began to yell, which resulted in his ejection from the game.

As the official turned to leave, the player struck the official, knocking him to the ground.

Joplin Police Department was contacted, and the player was arrested and taken from the scene.

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Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 17

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 43 Low: 21

Sunday
Flurries Possible
High: 41 Low: 23

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 27

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 42 Low: 29

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 27

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 28

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	49	17	43/24	0.00"
Tuesday	60	40	44/25	Trace
Wednesday	43	19	44/25	0.01"
Thursday	54	19	44/25	0.01"
Friday	52	29	44/25	0.02"
Saturday	62	49	45/25	0.00"
Sunday	74	54	45/26	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....0.04"
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.37"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.33"
Precipitation for the year .....0.30"
Normal precipitation year to date .....1.97"
Departure from normal for the year ...-1.67"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

High pressure will be in control of the weather across the campus today and early Saturday. Partly cloudy skies will be the rule along with below normal temperatures for this time of year. Clouds will be on the increase late Saturday in advance of an area of low pressure with an associated cold front. This system will generate a 40 percent chance of precipitation along with breezy conditions as we end this weekend. High temperatures will top out in the 30s and 40s. Low temperatures will drop into the teens and 20s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

First 2/9

Full 2/16

Last 2/23

New 3/2

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:16 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	10:36 a.m.	11:58 p.m.
Sat	7:15 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	11:02 a.m.	None
Sun	7:14 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:55 a.m.
Mon	7:13 a.m.	5:51 p.m.	12:03 p.m.	1:55 a.m.
Tue	7:12 a.m.	5:52 p.m.	12:42 p.m.	2:55 a.m.
Wed	7:11 a.m.	5:53 p.m.	1:29 p.m.	3:55 a.m.
Thu	7:10 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	2:24 p.m.	4:53 a.m.

Weather History

Feb. 6, 1978 - A massive Nor'easter buried the cities of the northeastern United States. The Boston area received 25 to 30 inches in "The Great New England Blizzard" and the mayor outlawed travel in the city for an entire week.

National Weather Summary This Week

The subtropical branch of the jet stream will be quite active as it lays across the southern tier of states to end this week. A deck of clouds will ride along the jet stream along with impulses of atmospheric energy. As a result, scattered precipitation will fall across the region. A cold front will slide into the northeastern United States this weekend. Scattered rain or snow showers will occur along with breezy conditions. A vigorous upper level area of low pressure will become stationary across the northern-third of the country by the middle of next week. This will result in below normal temperatures for this time of year under mostly cloudy skies. A powerful area of low pressure with an associated cold front will move into the southwestern United States by the end of next week, spawning a likely chance of precipitation.

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Weather Trivia

How far can lightning spread out after striking the Earth's surface?

Answer: Lightning can spread out as far as 60 feet.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2003	2002	Normal
Jan	0.30	3.09	1.74
Feb	0.00	0.72	2.12
Mar	------	2.65	3.10
Apr	------	4.10	4.10
May	------	13.60	4.96
Jun	------	4.71	5.07
Jul	------	4.87	3.73
Aug	------	1.14	3.58
Sep	------	1.64	4.97
Oct	------	2.30	3.50
Nov	------	0.56	3.18
Dec	------	2.10	2.54
Total	**0.30**	**41.48**	**42.59**

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Seniors need test in order to graduate

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Assessment time is here again.

Students who plan to graduate in May will take the Academic Profiles assessment test either Wednesday, Feb. 19 or on Thursday, Feb. 27. The second date is for those students who have a problem with Feb. 19. The rest of the students will get a short break, since day classes will be dismissed during assessments Feb 19. Evening classes will still be held, however.

Anywhere from 600-700 seniors will have to take the 50-minute test, which covers a variety of general education concepts like communication skills and critical thinking skills.

"It's a matter of putting your general ed skills together that you have acquired over your college career," said Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research.

Dr. Julio León
College President

She said Missouri Southern uses the results to see how the students are doing and how they rank compared to other seniors across the nation.

During an administrative council meeting, College President Julio León said the real payoff from the assessments comes with how the data is used. Many look at the assessments as a way to measure how well the College is educating its students.

"Everybody is concerned with accountability," León said.

He urges faculty to have detailed discussions over assessment results so there can be a link drawn between assessments and improvements.

"What we're really assessing are the programs, the general education programs," Honey said.

Southern also offers a meal for seniors before they take their test. The location of the test and meal depends upon each student's major.

Casey Highland, senior criminal justice major, said he doesn't mind taking the test if it helps out the College.

"It's really no big deal," he said.

Highland doesn't plan to study for the test, since it basically covers common knowledge concepts.

Honey said surveys are normally given to the seniors during their testing hours and many of the departments also give their own assessment tests on the same day.

If he does well enough on his assessment tests, Highland said he won't have to take his criminal justice finals.

"I think it's kind of like a bonus," he said.

Working on 22 credit hours, Highland said it would be nice if he could get out of his seven criminal justice finals.

Members of Campus Crusade for Christ finish an activity at their weekly gathering.

Naoko Onoda/ The Chart

Crusading Christians

Group invites believers, nonbelievers in search of God

BY PHILIP RYCHCIK
Staff Writer

Campus Crusade is a new worship experience at Missouri Southern.

The fellowship begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights in the Student Life Center and is catching on fast, said James Shuls, junior elementary education major and team leader. He saw a need for Campus Crusade at Southern and proceeded to establish a local chapter with some help from the Kansas City director of Campus Crusade.

"Last year, a friend of mine invited me to the Denver Christmas conference, and when I came back, I thought that we needed a ministry like that here," Shuls said.

The ministry is described as international and interdenominational.

"We want to give everyone the opportunity to come to Christ and know His love," Shuls said. "I think Campus Crusade meetings are good for believers and nonbelievers. It's a chance to build new friendships, it gives Christians a chance to grow in their faith and it gives nonbelievers a chance to ask questions and seek answers."

Meetings begin and end with praise music, a message is shared, and those attending participate in activities and games. Shuls, along with other members, hopes to begin small Bible studies. Mission trips and other opportunities are also planned to be made available through Campus Crusade.

"It's an opportunity to meet fellow Christians who have similar beliefs," said Angie Benyo, senior computer information sciences major. "It's an opportunity to learn about the Bible outside of church."

Benyo was skeptical about Campus Crusade but embraced the ministry after her first experience with the group.

"I was introduced to it by a friend," Benyo said. "I didn't really expect myself to attend, but I ended up going and really enjoyed it. To me, Campus Crusade is a different type of ministry from other ones. We do a lot of different things like watching a video series, having speakers come in and working in small groups."

Benyo wishes others to share her experience.

"Give it a chance," she said. "At least come once and see whether you like it or not. It could change your life."

Forensics seeks funding after tournament success

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Members of the Missouri Southern Forensics team couldn't believe the letter they received from the International Grant Committee saying their request for funding was denied.

The team grabbed two first place finishes two years in a row at the International Forensics Association's annual competition. When they requested funding for the upcoming third year, they thought the request was, without a doubt, a shoe-in.

"I was really surprised when I got the letter," said Kelly Larson, director of forensics. "Last year we filled out an international grant, and we won it."

Larson said there were two possible reasons for the denial.

"They probably didn't understand the amount of time and work it takes," Larson said. "During the week, students are working 15-20 hours, and during tournaments they work 12-hour days."

The other reason for the denial, in Larson's opinion, is how some of the criteria on the grant application changed.

Ten groups applied for the grant, the forensics squad placed last.

"These international competitions showcase American debate," he said. "If you can get there, you can compete with the big boys."

In the letter, the committee said the proposal lacked "academic rigor."

That statement made many students on the team upset.

"It's disappointing," said Tyler Coble, sophomore science and psychology major. "They said it had no academic rigor, but debate is academics in action."

Coble said he didn't understand the decision after all the debate team had accomplished during the past couple of years.

"We established a name for Missouri Southern on the debate circuit," Coble said.

Dr. Chad Stebbins, chairman of the International Grant Committee, said the final decision had nothing to do with the team's success, rather the application was the deciding factor.

"It may have been a worthwhile academic trip, but the application did not demonstrate that," Stebbins said.

He said there were a number of faults in the application, which gave the committee reason for the denial. One of the main reasons was how the committee thought the forensics team's purpose seemed more related to competition than to the course itself.

"They didn't provide a link between the itinerary and the course objectives," Stebbins said.

Larson went to Dr. J.R. Moorman, department head of communications, about the situation. Moorman passed it on to Dr. John Messick, dean of the school of arts and science. It was here where the team received money from the dean's international institute fund.

"The dean puts a high priority on forensics," Larson said.

The group received $3,000 and will use the money for airfare and hotel costs. The five teammates traveling to Canada will have to pick up the rest of the tab.

Although Coble and other teammates were upset about the initial grant denial, they are now focusing on the upcoming competition.

"We're looking forward to the experience," Coble said. "The variety of competition is better."

"They said it had no academic rigor, but debate is academics in action."

Tyler Coble
Forensics Team Member

Southern Foundation tops $12,000

BY LANDON FRY
Staff Writer

Nearly 8,700 calls began at the Missouri Southern Foundation on Jan. 27 as the 21st annual Phonathon started.

Two weeks into its fund-raising, the Foundation has already gathered $12,000 toward its goal of $100,000.

"I'd say we're going to be in good shape for that $100,000 goal," said Curt Betebenner, director of the Foundation.

The Phonathon uses student workers and volunteers to call area businesses and alumni for donations to the College. Instructors also contribute money to the cause.

"It provides options for those who can't provide bigger gifts," Betebenner said.

The money donated to the Phonathon can either be given for use wherever it is needed on campus or given to a specific department or organization. Betebenner said the money helps every student on campus in some way, and the majority of it goes toward scholarships.

Last year there were four donations for the psychology department, three of which were from psychology instructors. This year Dr. Gwen Murdock, psychology department head, has had psychology club members volunteer with her to try and increase the amount of donations for their department. They will be calling psychology department alumni.

Dr. Gwen Murdock
Head of Pyschology

"We're hoping by making a personal connection they'll keep us in mind," Murdock said.

Murdock has volunteered individually in the past, but called alumni from every department. She said calling former psychology students, including some she has taught, should be more enjoyable. Even though the psychology club's goal is to increase the department's funds, Murdock is not focused only on that.

"No matter how much or in what direction some choose to donate to the Foundation, we appreciate people's interest in supporting the College," Murdock said.

When proposing hiring a student work force, Betebenner looked at two factors. One, that the average donation increased when students were employed and two, most of the money goes toward scholarships.

"If we're going to give out money anyhow, let these kids who need it come and get it," Betebenner said.

He said most of his employees are students whose families are too well off to receive financial aid, but not well off enough to afford college easily.

Besides the stated purpose of raising money for Southern, Betebenner sees the Phonathon as something more.

"This is an opportunity for us to reach out to our alumni that never hear from us," Betebenner said.

Some calls with alumni last up to 20 minutes, he said. He focuses on letting alumni know what is going on around campus.

"When the call is over, if we hang up and someone feels good about talking to someone from the College, that is what's important," Betebenner said.

Editor's Column

'Four-state nonsense' overused in media

"A four-state juvenile was charged with armed robbery today after an unsuccessful robbery attempt at a four-state bank. The four-state man's name is being withheld until his four-state parents are notified, as he is a minor."

Jerry Manter
Managing Editor

"Area four-state residents who witnessed the crime said they were shocked to see the young man lead four-state police officials on a high speed, two-hour pursuit throughout the four states."

"He was driving out-of-control," said Ralph Smith, a four-state man.

Four-state police said he will be charged with robbery and alluding police. Anyone tired of the news yet? No? Well, here's more four-state news.

"A four-state business is under fire today after a month-long investigation by a four-state private investigator. The four-state business, You Clog, We Plunge, was discovered to be intentionally clogging area four-state drainage pipes."

"Harry Appleton, the four-state investigator, has been following the four-state business for four months. He was shocked at his findings."

"Their plunging business name should have been We Clog, You Pay," Appleton said.

"You Clog, We Plunge closed its doors Tuesday morning after a four-state city council suspended the company's business license."

Maybe this is why I hate watching the evening news in the four states. Everything is four states around here. What are the television producers thinking? True, we live in a region where there are four states within driving distance. But does that mean our entire media outlet has to be known as the four states?

We have four-state businesses, people, government agencies and even four-state dentists. But this is possibly the worst example I've heard: Jim Jackson, of KSN-TV, led into a story saying, "A four-state governor."

Who's writing this stuff, anyway? Do they know it's impossible to be a four-state governor? I mean, I could be wrong, maybe it is possible to be the governor of Southwest Missouri, Southeast Kansas, Northeast Oklahoma and Northwest Arkansas.

If these local news stations want to graduate from high school TV production, they're going to need help...bad. Start referring to people, businesses and other agencies for what they are and where they're from.

"And now let's turn to Joey Turnbuckle for a look at the four-state weather forecast."

"Well, it looks like it's going to be a wacky day around the four states as we could see rain, snow and even the possibility of tornadoes around the four states."

Ah, the four states.

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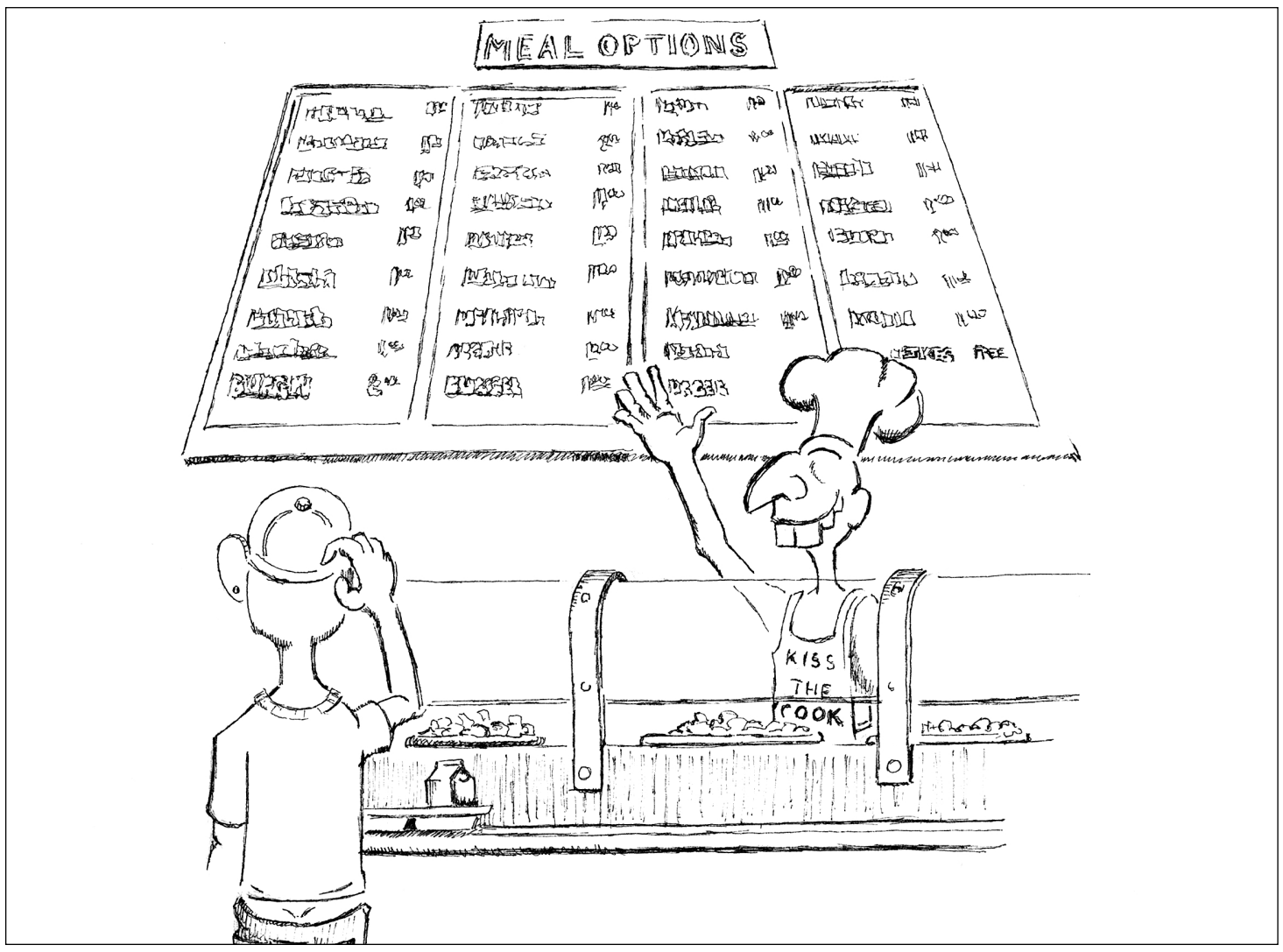


College offers two meal plans

After years of complaints from students, the College is finally making the move to offer different options for meal plans.

Beginning in the 2003 fall semester, residence hall students will have two options: a 20-meal plan or 10-meal plan per week. Each plan will also offer students the opportunity to exchange breakfast or lunch in the cafeteria for those meals in the Lion's Den.

As Doug Carnahan, dean of students, put it, the old single plan of just 20 meals a week is a "dinosaur." It's definitely time for a change.

Chart Opinion

Students have complained they never eat all 20 meals they pay for, so they feel like they are wasting their money. The College is finally listening.

With the new option of just 10 meals a week, many students will be appeased. And the choice of eating breakfast or lunch in the Lion's Den offers convenience to those who may not always have the time to walk to the other side of campus for a meal.

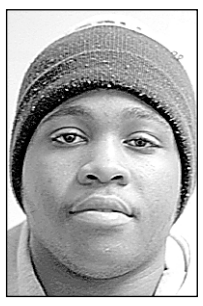
The only downside to these new options is that residence hall fees will increase 10 percent for the 2003 fall semester. The new meal plans, however, are not the only reason for the increase. Many other factors, such as normal yearly increases and a new food service company, will contribute to the hike.

Besides, judging from past complaints about the lack of options, students will be willing to pay that extra 10 percent.

It's great the College finally noticed students want quantity of options, not just a quantity of meals.

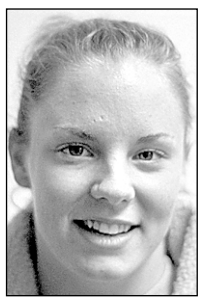
Campus Voice

What do you think of the new meal plans?



"It really doesn't matter to me, because I stay on campus and usually eat here on campus. I really don't have the transportation."

Elbert Johnson
Freshman
CIS
Major



"I think it is a very good idea, because you don't have to pay for what you don't eat."

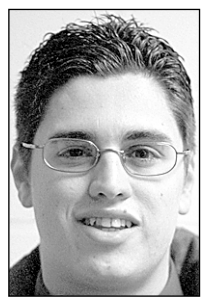
Sarah Smith
Freshman
Health Promotion and Wellness
Major

"It's a really good idea. I don't eat breakfast, so I feel like I'm wasting money and food. It's probably better off this way for a lot of us who live on campus."

Rehana Shah
Freshman
Undecided
Major

"I think it's a great idea. I'm not a morning person and never wake up early enough for breakfast. This way we only pay for what we really eat."

Susanna M. Barnes
Freshman
History
Major



"I think it will help the cafeteria with costs."

Jason Pena
Sophomore
Biology
Major

Letter

Investigative reporting

I applaud *The Chart* for its recent willingness to do investigative reporting. Last week's "Bonus Raises Concerns" certainly touched on sensitive issues. I'm pleased that the problems reported reached a public forum, since many faculty members had heard and discussed parts of the story. A fuller disclosure was needed.

Dr. Locher is a valued member of this community, an appealing person, and by all accounts an excellent instructor. It is indeed important to know that Dr. Locher was not being deceptive, and that the unwarranted salary he now receives was not obtained through any manipulation on his part. I do say "unwarranted," however. Even if it is true that many faculty members receive lower pay than they "deserve," that's beside the point. There is a system in place, imperfect or not. Dr. Locher's salary has for years now been received irrespective of this system. It is also important that students understand Dr. Locher did not receive a "bonus." Southern used to have a system for allotting bonus (or "merit") pay — in other words, for granting monetary recognition of particularly worthy contributions made by faculty members. That is not the case here.

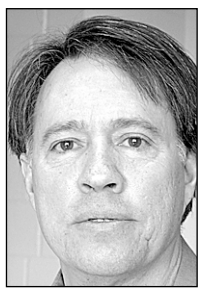
I strongly disagree with the implication that the "compromise" reached between Dr. Locher and the administration was a fair one. When a cashier accidentally hands back too much change, we don't negotiate a compromise; we give back the money. That is the right thing to do. At the very least, we don't expect to be charged less for the items we bought at each subsequent visit to the store (We're not talking about just one erroneous contract; we're not talking about $5,000 in excess of the proper salary, but about $5,000 multiplied by each subsequent year Dr. Locher receives a contract at the associate level). While I certainly view anonymous nasty phone calls as entirely unethical and objectionable, I would use the same terms to describe the handling of this contract mistake. Perhaps with further consideration of the matter, both the administration and Dr. Locher himself will reconsider their resolution of the problem.

Dr. Joy Dworkin
Associate Professor of English

In Perspective

Holiday season brings renewal

As each new holiday season passes, I am surrounded by childhood memories of Christmas and my mom. She was the single parent who somehow made it possible for her children to receive gifts from Santa, who only made $50 a week. She was also the one who led me to understand the joy of giving. One Christmas eve, a few minutes before the stores were to close, I stood in front of our bubble-light decorated tree with tears in my eyes, because I suddenly realized none of the presents under the tree were from me to her. With a wisdom that cannot be learned, she calmly said, "Well, maybe you'd like to take a dollar down to the drug store and find something you think I'd like." My guilt at taking her money somehow faded in the joy of fixing a terrible failure. I raced across the street and through the parking lot and arrived in the drugstore just one minute before closing. The clerk allowed me to search the few options available to me, and when my eyes landed on an aqua-colored Paper Mate, ball point pen, I knew I had found the thing she would love. The clerk even chipped in the extra penny for tax and wrapped the gift in tissue paper and a small piece of ribbon! The love in my mom's eyes as she opened that meager offering lives with me still.



Dr. Alex Pinkston
Associate Professor of Theatre

Forty years of Christmases passed before another holiday event of equal value occurred. During the weeks that spanned the end of 1995 and the beginning of 1996, my mom succumbed to a six-year bout with Alzheimer's. My yearly trip home for Thanksgiving coincided with her move to a full-care nursing home. I found a cassette tape of *Bing Crosby's Christmas Favorites*, and spent many hours playing them over and over for her. I watched her intently, totally in awe of this dying woman who had been my best friend. She could not focus or communicate at this point, but on occasion, her drifting eyes would light on my face, and she would beam a smile that I can only describe as angelic. Somehow she knew me still. And still she was teaching me the transcendence of life and love.

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Club helps members to fit in

BY CRAIG JONES
Staff Writer

The International Club at Missouri Southern rang in the new year Feb. 1 — the Chinese New Year, that is.

The club gathered at faculty co-sponsor Trish Udell's house after an outing to House Of Yen for Chinese food. The club members celebrated with fireworks, Chinese snacks and a Chinese film with English subtitles.

At the club's meeting Jan. 29, the members discussed upcoming plans for the spring semester.

The club is considering a group trip during spring break.

The club is also discussing dinner and movie outings throughout the semester.

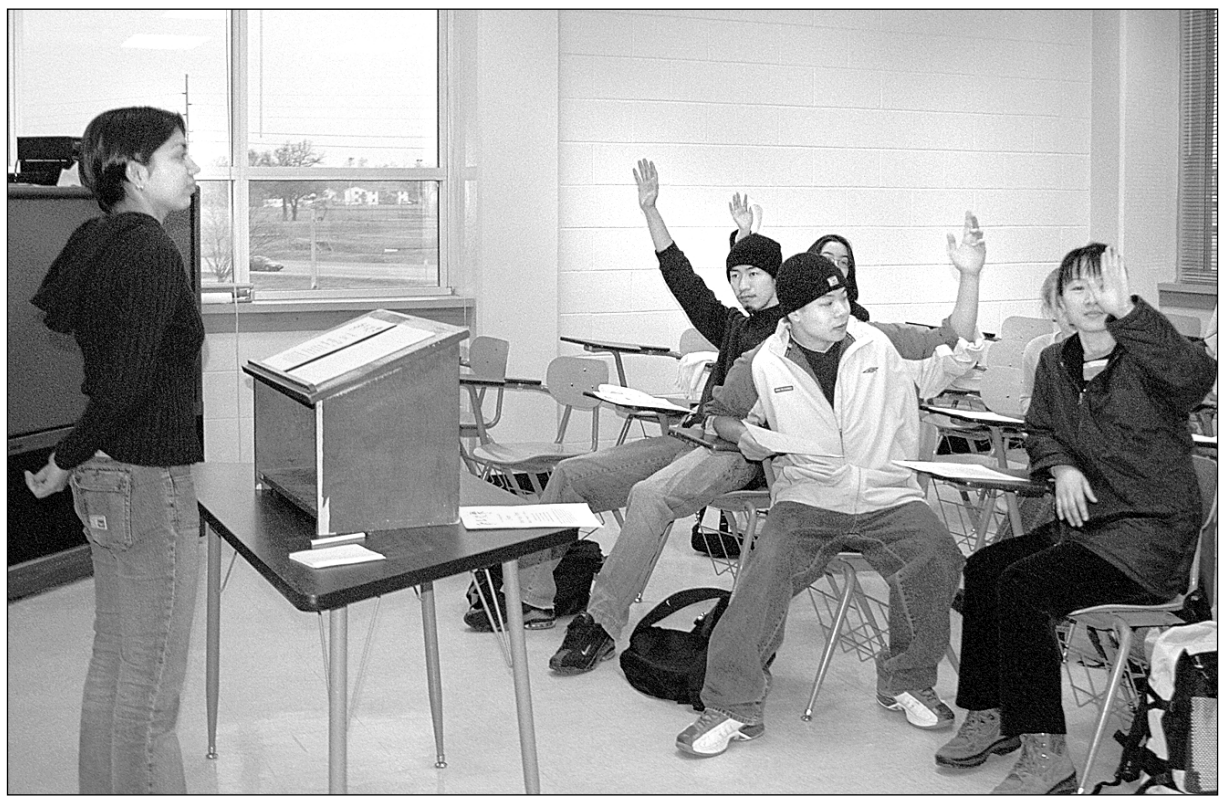
The club uses its funds to subsidize the activities for its members, who must pay annual dues in the amount of $5.

Dr. David Locher, associate professor of sociology, who has been a faculty sponsor of the club in years past, is helping with the club again this year. Locher said the group's main function is to be a social club.

"It's not just a club for international students; everybody is welcome," Locher said.

Locher said the club exists to provide for social interaction between American and international students.

"You get to meet people from all over the world," he said.



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During the International Club meeting on Jan. 29, students discuss having a Chinese New Year's party.

Udell, director of the Intensive English program at Southern, sponsors the club along with Dr. Nii Abrahams, assistant professor of economics.

Udell said the nations represented within the club's membership include countries from South America, Europe, East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the United States.

Udell said the club is helpful to international students trying to adjust to life at Southern. She said the club is a way to help the international students become familiar with American culture and community life.

"There's more to living in America than living on a college campus," Udell said.

She has experienced the shock of living with unfamiliar people and customs.

"We lived for two years in Saudi Arabia," Udell said. "I know what it's like to be in a foreign culture."

She said the international members of the club become a sort of family for each other; among themselves, they are able to find a sense of connecting.

Locher said relationships formed in the club can lead to continuing relationships and travel opportunities.

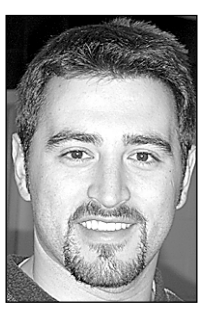
"We've had American students go overseas because of a connection they made at the International Club," Locher said.

Udell said the club meets at least monthly and the meetings are usually in Webster Hall.

Kosovo argues over peace

Since coming to power of a new government at the end of 2000, changes are noticeable toward the attitude and way of conduct on the problems in Kosovo.

The biggest move the government made was acceptance and acknowledgement on the existence of such problems in front of the international community. After that, the Yugoslavian government put forth an effort to enlighten and solve the war crimes committed in Kosovo. However, it demanded investigations of such on both sides.



Kosta Savic
Chart Reporter

Additionally, tolerance was campaigned, inviting both sides to a mutual understanding, facing and solving problems with rational conversation.

In Serbia, there is a big campaign from the side of non-governmental organizations, like Fund for Humanitarian Justice, directed toward facing the ethnic slaughtering committed by both sides in Kosovo. The numbers of missing people are still high regarding both Serbian and Albanian communities. However, neither side is ready to forgive nor forget the crimes committed. This avoidance of confronting real issues makes the situation even more difficult. In reality, neither side is ready to talk about finding an optimal solution.

Therefore, every organized meeting and efforts with a goal to open basic questions fails before it even starts. However, problems stay, like the roles and responsibilities of Serbian military police in Kosovo that committed crimes while following orders and performing their duties.

In the big picture, all of those debates, movements and war scripts have little to no influence in motivating people to escape the magic circle of national prefix in relation to other people.

The lack of an authentic political leader of the Serbs in Kosovo initiated many strategic combats by individuals over authority of the Serbs. Such situations position the problems of Kosovo to a new level.

Therefore, Serbs have to additionally face problems of their own individual conflicts. On one end there is Nebojsa Covic who represents the authority of Serbs in the name of the government as the vice president of the Parliament. However, to a small number of Serbs that still live in Kosovo, his representation is not important in regard to their real interests. On the other end, so-called political leaders of Kosovo are negotiating plans for a peaceful resolution of conflict on an everyday basis.

The Serbian community in Kosovo is realizing the only wise cooperation and mutual agreements with the Albanian community are the only and best recipe for a better future. With the help of the KFOR and UNMIK, Serbs are able to travel to school, jobs and shop for basic life needs to continue their survival. Simply, for them, life must go on.

Judging by information presented through the media, peaceful resolution will not come in the near future while both sides are living in the cities and villages where the borders are drawn according to nationality.

Special to The Chart

The square of Mihajla Obrenovica in Belgrade is a famous place for public events to occur like concerts, strikes, cultural activities and protests.

On the other hand, people are trying to stimulate peace with the organization of soccer games and campaigning tolerance toward accepting the past and looking into the future.

However, these are virtual realities not representing the real picture of the nationally colored minds of Kosovo's Albanians and Serbs.

Another approach toward solution requires new conditions.

They believe that the core of separation and fighting between Serbs and Albanians is the result of differences in political policies and the solution is in talks without fighting for individual interests.

Twelve years ago, Milosevic came to power in Serbia and started leading the Serbs in Kosovo to believe it is a privilege to be a Serb, while at the same time being unacceptable by the Albanians.

Most Serbs do not even remember these events. Such short memory is one of the problems of the Serbian nation. For them, lies seem not to matter and be of no interest until they start to hurt. Eliminating autonomy of Kosovo and improper resolutions on educating the non-Serbian population became the rule of conduct toward the Albanian population.

These rules became a fuel for the extremes' nationalism.

As seen, results were the creation of a Liberation Army of Kosovo fighting against the Serbian military and police. Both sides were carrying out their political system of destruction. Many things were revealed in the later process of reconciliation, bringing genocides and individuals in front of justice without imposing the verdicts. To fight against collective verdicts is left for those war leaders that remained alive.

However, the whole system ought to be blamed and reconstructed to never happen again.

That's What I like About You!!

Healthy Relationships Week

Feb. 10-14, 2003

Participating Offices
Student Support Center, Student Activities, Student Health Center
Student Life Center, Student Services/Campus Recreation

Events:

Monday:
Love Bingo Starts
12:00 Noon - STD/HIV/AIDS Seminars - MJ Aud

Tuesday:
12:00 Noon - STD/HIV/AIDS Seminar's-MJ Aud
7:30 PM - Movie Night - Student Life Center - Sweet Home Alabama and Casa Blanca

Wednesday:
12:00 Noon - SART MVP - Peer Theatre Sexual Response Team - BSC Keystone

Thursday:
12:00 Noon - SART MVP - Peer Theatre Sexual Response Team - BSC Keystone
Make Your Own Valentine - BSC 2nd Floor Lounge - 10 AM-2 PM
KissingBooth - BSC 2nd Floor Lounge - 10 AM-2 PM

Friday:
11:00 AM - Deadline for LOVE Bingo
12:00 Noon- Love Bingo Drawing -Lion's Den
Wacky Relationship Game - Lion's Den (similar to Newly-Wed Game)

Love Bingo Rules:

Win a dream date (dinner for two, movie tickets, Joe Muggs gift certificates) or lots of other prizes!

- Go to any of the participating offices and pick up a LOVE Bingo card.
- At that office, pick up a Healthy Relationship Giveaway and get your card stamped!
- Next take your card to three more particiapting offices (total of four)
- At the fourth location, turn your card in for the drawing. Deadline is 11:00 AM February 14th

The drawing will be held at noon on Friday, February 14th in the BSC Lion's Den.

Date package restaurants include: Timberline, Red Onion, Del Rio, Olive Garden and Market Place

Meetings get down to business

BY MISSY MORGAN
Staff Writer

For more than four years, Missouri Southern's International Business Club has offered itself as a forum for students of all majors.

One of the organization's leaders, Dr. John Lewis, professor of international business and marketing, sees the monthly meetings as a service to the students.

"The International Business Club's mission is to help any students interested in international business to find out more about business and give them a place to exchange information and ideas," he said.

The meetings usually take place at 12:15 p.m. on a Thursday in Matthews Hall, Room 108. Some popular topics include different international companies in the area, international business procedures and ethics, as well as overseas trips and study abroad opportunities.

"It's really up to the students what they want to discuss; it's a student-run organization," Lewis said.

A speaker from an area international corporation, such as Pillsbury or Eagle Picher, usually comes to a meeting every couple of months, makes a presentation and takes questions from the students.

Barbra Lukunka, junior international studies and French major from Zambia and Ethiopia, has been a member of the International Business Club for two semesters and thinks the transfer of information is vital to her career after college.

"It's not just getting together to talk about international business, but we also get feedback from people who have had the experience," she said. "These are people who are in international business, who have traveled and who know what to expect. You come out of the meetings with ideas of what you want to do, where you want to do it, how you want to do it and how you should do it."

The organization is also trying to incorporate field trips to area businesses for the students.

"We're looking for something to get the students out of the classroom to see exactly what is out there for them," Lukunka said.

The first meeting of this semester was Jan. 30. The guest speaker was David Wallace, director of business development and planning for American Ordnance. He spoke about the international trade of arms and ammunition and the ethics involved in that business.

Lewis said these meetings are for anyone interested in 21st century business.

"We have a combination of international students from all majors, international business majors and students from other majors as well that are interested in international business," he said.

Lukunka thinks the group's diversity is its greatest strength.

"There's real diversity here," she said. "You can have a club with only a certain kind of people there, but we have professors come here because it interests them, people who are freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors come. We have people from all over the world come, and on top of that, what I really like, is that we also have Americans come."

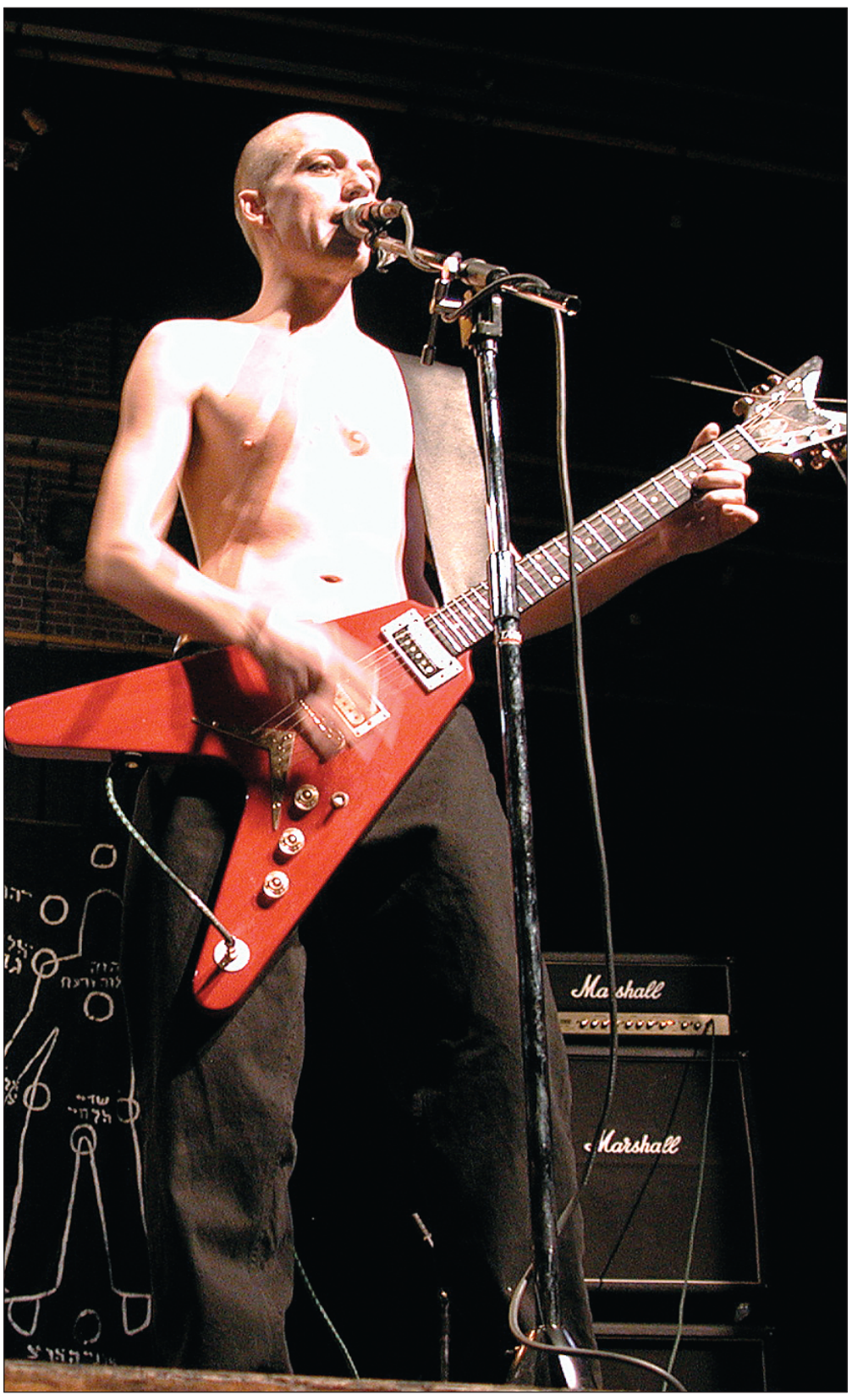
The monthly meetings are announced by fliers around campus and e-mails to certain groups of students. Anyone interested in attending can contact Lewis or Terry Marion, professor of business and director of the international trade and quality center.

Lukunka stresses the usefulness of the organization.

"Be open minded," she said. "You never know what you're going to get yourself into later in life. You could study physics all through your college career and end up doing international business. I think anybody should join."

Benefit of a Lifetime

Bands raise money to help fellow musician



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Arundell Overman, frontman of the band Peace Church, performed during a benefit concert at Memorial Hall. The band's next show will be Feb. 21 at The Greenroom.

By Allison Rosewicz
Editor-in-Chief

Local bands provided the benefit of a lifetime for one area resident on Jan. 31 at Memorial Hall.

The benefit was held to help raise money to pay hospital bills for Chad Terry, 26, who suffers from severe kidney problems. He has experienced these problems since childhood, but said his body had grown accustomed to the pain.

"I slowly grew an immunity to it," he said. "My body got used to it."

In May 2002, a week and a half after his wedding to wife Devony, Terry discovered why he was having such problems.

"In my wedding pictures, I looked like a zombie," he said.

Terry went to St. John's Regional Medical Center in April, but said he was turned away. He said St. John's would not run blood tests because they thought he was a drug addict.

So he tried Freeman Health System in May where doctors diagnosed his problem. Normal kidneys should be 10-11 centimeters in diameter. Terry's had shrunk to 6.5 and 8 centimeters. The hospital also ran drug tests, and Terry tested clean for each one.

Terry undergoes kidney dialysis four times a week for three hours at a time. He also said he is "on a pharmacy of drugs."

He is currently going through the long process of receiving a kidney transplant at the University of Kansas.

Tuesday he had a meeting with the transplant team from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. He is now on a donor list.

Terry said about a dozen people have volunteered as live donors, but the process of finding a match is also a long one.

"Luckily, with my blood type, I'm a universal donor," he said. "It makes getting a kidney easier."

Terry said with his health problems and hospital bills, he has been on a downhill slide, but thinks he is coming uphill now.

"I had to go all the way downhill before I could start climbing back up," he said.

Terry said he owes the most thanks to his wife.

"She keeps me alive," he said. "She's my angel."

Local bands and residents decided they also wanted to help Terry by holding the benefit concert. For a charge of $5 at the door, attendees supported Terry and got the opportunity to see an evening full of rock music.

The concert began at 4 p.m. and continued until midnight with a final performance by Terry's own band, Frail. Other bands playing included One Track Mind, Brutally Frank, Aural Fidelity, Push Factor, V.D., The Lonely, Peace Church and Dark as Day.

Because of his health problems, Terry said he nearly had to quit his band. His blood pressure rose too much to continue playing the band's heavy music, so Terry offered his resignation.

"My band wouldn't let me leave," he said. "They stood by me. We just made our music more mellow. We're a family. We stick together."

After a long hiatus, Terry said he loved returning to the stage during the benefit.

"Getting back on stage changed my outlook," he said. "That's where I belong."

Concert sponsors Punkteur Tattoo & Piercing, Electric Art Tattoo, ROCK 105.3 FM, Smoke-N-Fumes, Massey Music, Big Don's, St. Paul's Methodist Church and Crossroads Church of Wicca also provided support.

But the benefit did not occur without any hitches. Organizers had problems with affording insurance, finding an insurance agent and paying the Joplin Police Department.

"Memorial Hall pretty much makes it impossible to play there," Terry said.

He said Memorial Hall required $1 million, 24-hour coverage, plus a $500 deposit for each band that plays. Two police officers also had to be on duty each hour at $25 each, at a total of $400 for the day.

The sponsors, especially Punkteur, provided money to afford the insurance. Terry said many people pitched in.

He said it was also difficult to find an insurance agent.

"They were afraid of bad organization because it was a local show," he said.

But Chalmers Insurance Agency Inc. of Neosho finally agreed to provide insurance for $1,500.

Despite all the difficulties, Terry said the most important outcome was that the local bands played at Memorial Hall.

"Every band in Joplin, one of their dreams is to play Memorial Hall," he said. "They were fighting. They deserved that more than I deserved anything."

Sophie Chartier, junior kinesiology major, said she liked Push Factor and thought The Lonely was funny, but didn't understand the lyrics.

"Usually I listen to '70s music like The Doors and Janis Joplin and rock music in general," she said. "However, I didn't like very much of the hard rock there."

She also thought Memorial Hall was too big of a venue for a local show.

Chartier did, however, think the benefit was a nice gesture to help Terry.

After paying all the bills, the concert raised between $2,000 and $2,500 for Terry.

"I still have my days where I don't want to do anything, but I'm on the uphill," Terry said. "They couldn't raise enough money compared to what it did for my outlook, my spirits. If everybody got together and did this more, the world would be a more beautiful place."

Event teaches value of abstinence to different age groups

By Hannah Marsh
Staff Writer

Coming up on Wednesday at Memorial Hall is a True Love Waits rally sponsored by the Area Wide Youth Ministers' Fellowship.

The rally begins at 7 p.m. The AWYF is an organization containing leaders and youth ministers around the area who work with and encourage youth. This will be the 10th consecutive year this event has taken place, not only in Joplin but around the world as well.

"There are over 100 ministries involved in the movement," said Chris Thomson, associate pastor of student ministries at Forest Park Baptist Church who is also a member of the AWYF.

True Love Waits is a program targeted for the middle school, high school, and college age student. The agenda for the evening includes music from a small praise band from Spring City, teenager produced videos, skits, and live testimonies, all teaching about abstinence not only for the health aspect, but from the religious aspect as well. The entire program lasts about an hour and 45 minutes. There will also be commitment cards made available for those to sign who wish to display their commitment to abstain from having sex until marriage.

The founders of this program, Jimmy Hester and Robert Ross, came up with the idea in the fall of 1992. The first True Love Waits was officially launched in Nashville, Tenn., on April 21, 1993. There have been different themes every year since it began. This year's theme is "True Love Waits Goes Home."

"We're trying to partner more with parents and families," Thomson said.

This year there will be a seminar available for parents. The seminar takes place at Memorial Middle School. It will begin the same time the rally begins but ends 15 minutes before to allow extra time for parents to pick up their children. The purpose of the parents' seminar is to guide parents on how to talk with their children about sex and abstinence.

There will be a suggested $2 donation. However, the parent's seminar is free.

"I think it's a good idea for people to rally together with the same beliefs," said Tara Reynolds, junior biology and radiology major. "It's an important issue for the whole family to be educated on."

"I think it's good because it allows teens to be more informed of what it means to stay pure until marriage," said Jen Jackson, junior elementary education major. "It's good encouragement and a good way to get kids fired up about it."

These rallies have been held in the four-state region since 1995, one of the locations being Missouri Southern. This will be the third year it has been held at Memorial Hall.

"There has been a turnout of 2,200 to 2,500 attendees each year it has been at Memorial Hall," Thomson said. "This rally is not only for Christians; anyone and everyone is welcome to attend."

Thursday- After Work Escape 6-8 p.m.;
Ladies Night- No cover for ladies.
Friday-Friday Night Live; After Work Escape 6-8p.m.
Saturday-College Night and Best Booty Contest.
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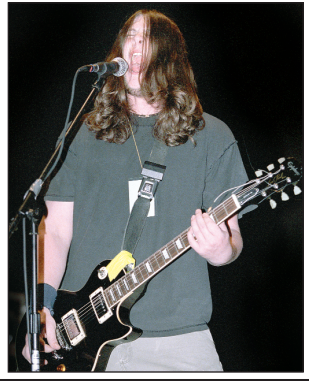

Six local bands performed at Memorial Hall Jan. 31 to help Chad Terry. Read the story for information on the event.

Week offers healthy love information

BY MATT CAUFIELD
Staff Writer

Special someone or not, Healthy Relationships Week has something to offer for almost everyone.

"We are targeting all students," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "We are targeting people who aren't in a relationship."

Healthy Relationships Week will offer a variety of activities Feb. 10-14.

Love bingo starts on Monday and ends at 11 a.m. Friday.

A STD/HIV/AIDS seminar will be held at noon on Monday and Tuesday.

"We wanted to open it up to everybody; they have some good information and good slides," said Sarah Cunningham, senior communications major and intern for student support center.

Movie night will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Life Center. *Sweet Home Alabama* and *Casablanca* will be shown.

Peer Theatre Sexual Response Team will perform at noon Wednesday and Thursday in the Billingsly Student Center.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday students will also have the opportunity to make their own Valentine at the Billingsly Student Center second floor lounge.

A kissing booth will also be set up 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

The kissing booth will be used to help build awareness of the Web site, www.safersex.org, Cunningham said.

The drawing for love bingo will be held at noon Friday, Feb. 14.

The Wacky Relationship game will be held at the Lion's Den. Winners of the game will receive date packages.

"It doesn't have to be a boy/girl couple," Blackford said. "We don't want to exclude people."

She said anyone can play the Wacky Relationship game.

The Campus Activities Board will also offer Valentine gift packages for $5. Orders will be taken Monday at the bookstore, and gift packages can be picked up Thursday and Friday.

"Valentine's Day can be expensive for students, and that way you can have something to give your friend or anyone," Blackford said.

Boxes will be placed around campus for students to write a short message. The messages will be posted on a board Friday at the Wacky Relationship game for all to view.

The ultimate goal of Healthy Relationships Week is to "get people to focus on healthy relationships," Cunningham said.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

The Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra plays the closing song during the Four State Jazz Festival Feb. 1 in Taylor Auditorium. The Jazz Orchestra will next perform on April 15.

Bands pull clean sweep, take home one ratings

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

High schools and junior high schools brought their brooms to the Four State Jazz Festival Feb. 1, where the bands swept up a one rating.

The adjudicators for the festival were Billy Hunt and Kerry Strayer, who also performed with the Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra at the end of the day.

Phillip Wise, director of jazz studies and head of the music department, said there were many jazz standards being played.

"That's always exemplary literature, when you're just playing the standard literature of the genre," Wise said. "Often times we don't hear that. Often times we hear, sort of rock music, rock arrangements, popular types of things."

He said it was "very good literature" being played at the festival. The band directors, adjudicators and the clinicians agreed this was a well-run festival.

Richard Williams, band director of the Aurora Junior High School Jazz Band, said he thought the festival went "very smooth, very fast, I mean everybody got in and played." Williams said he knew getting the one rating at the festival was good for his band, because there were some students who haven't played much with the band and some who have played with the band for a while.

"I wish there was a way to get a bigger crowd," he said. "At eight or nine o'clock in the morning it's kind of hard. Some people don't want to wake up to hear jazz at nine in the morning."

Michael Oglesby, assistant band director at Webb City High School and Junior High, said he thought the festival was run well. He said it had a nice pattern to follow of warmups, performance and clinics.

Strayer said it was not a problem to judge the festival or to conduct the Southwest Missouri Music Educator's Association District Jazz Band.

The Southern Jazz Orchestra ended the day by performing "Bright Eyes" and "Someone To Watch Over Me."

The clinicians for the festival were Jeffrey Macomber, assistant professor of music, and Bob Holden.

Macomber said the festival showed "jazz is alive and well in Southwest Missouri at the public school level and continues to show a lot of promise."

The next time to hear the Southern Jazz Orchestra will be at 7:30 p.m. April 15.

Board brings question of God to campus

BY JEFF REID
Executive Editor

Thirteen people were on hand for the shortest Campus Activities Board meeting this semester, clocking in at just over 20 minutes.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, discussed the upcoming events CAB has planned, including a potential concert being promoted by both CAB and the Wesley Foundation.

Matt Hite, concert chairperson, was scheduled to present information regarding the concert, but was unable to attend. Original plans were for the concert to be held at the Wesley Foundation's facilities, but that raised many concerns. Lyndse Bergen, sophomore elementary education major, did express some of those concerns.

"I think it would be fine," Bergen said, "as long as we move the event to an on-campus location."

The Board is still searching for a comedian for Safe Spring Break, but the selection process is proving to be difficult. Blackford is hoping to find a comedian who can keep from offending the audience.

"They can have a suggestive joke every now and then, or a word every now and again, but not too much," Blackford said.

Potential comedians were discussed, but a consensus could not be reached.

CAB is also planning to start selling Valentine's Day packages on Feb. 10, at $5 at package, which will set CAB back $1.50 a package.

Jeremy Sturgell, lectures chairperson, announced plans for an upcoming debate titled, "Does God Exist."

The debate will feature Dr. Michael Shermer, founding publisher of *Skeptic Magazine* and director of the Skeptics Society, squaring off against R. Douglass Geivett, author of *Contemporary Perspectives on Religious Epistemology, Evil and the Evidence for God* and *In Defense of Miracles*.

No solid date has been set for the debate, but suggested times have been discussed and should be announced soon.

Blackford also announced the Board has changed its mind regarding the proposed trip to Kansas City, Mo., for the MIAA tournament. Instead of the proposed trip in conjunction with the Alumni Association, CAB will purchase tickets and be selling them to students for $15 as opposed to $36.

The next CAB meeting is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the second floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center.

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7 *Deliver Us From Eva, How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* and *Shanghai Knights* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Lions baseball play @ 3 p.m. at Dallas Baptist.

8 Lions and Lady Lions basketball play @ Northwest Missouri. Ladies play at 2:30 p.m., men at 3:30 p.m.

Lions baseball again play @ noon at Dallas Baptist.

9 Lions baseball play @ 2 p.m. at Arkansas.

10 Love Bingo starts.

CAB Valentine packages go on sale.

An STD workshop will be held @ noon in Matthews Auditorium.

CAB will meet on the 2nd floor of Billingsly at 2 p.m.

11 Another STD workshop will be held @ noon in Matthews Auditorium.

A "Pound Pitt State" party will be held @ 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of Billingsly.

A movie night will be held @ 7:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center.

12 Lions and Lady Lions basketball play @ home vs Pittsburg State. Ladies play at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

A Sexual Assault Peer Play will be performed @ noon on the 3rd floor of Billingsly.

BSU will be having a free lunch @ noon.

MSSC College Republicans will meet @ noon in Billingsly 311.

13 Another Sexual Assault Peer Play will be performed @ noon on the 3rd floor of Billingsly.

You can make your own Valentine @ noon!

Koinonia will be having a free lunch @ noon in Anderson Justice Center.

Weekend Happenings:

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The Green Room:: ***Friday:*** Freak Flag 9:30 p.m.

Useless Information

The only member of the British House of Commons who is not allowed to speak is the man called the Speaker of the House. (such a fitting title then)

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The six most dangerous occupations in America are; football player, firefighter, racecar driver, astronaut, police officer and fisherman. (fishing is an occupation)

There is a sea squirt (found in seas near Japan) that digests its own brain. When the sea squirt is mature it permanently attaches itself to a rock. At this point it does not need to move anymore and has no need for a brain. (kind of like a student in class)

People say that cracking your bones will cause arthritis when you get older. Actually all you're doing is popping air pockets, which doesn't cause arthritis. (those liars)

NOTE: All information for this section taken from http://come.to/phil
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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

English department plans celebration

The eleventh annual Langston Hughes celebration will take place at 7 p.m. Friday in Webster Auditorium.

The celebration, sponsored by the English department, will include a special speaker, music and poetry. It is free to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Doris Walters at extension 625-9644.

Award-winning play comes to Southern

A benefit production of the award-winning play, *The Vagina Monologues*, will be presented Friday and Saturday as part of Missouri Southern's observance of V-Day, Until the Violence Stops.

The presentation at Southern will coincide with productions of the play throughout colleges and universities worldwide.

The cast of the local production includes College students and area professional women. It is directed by Tegan Whited, a Southern theatre graduate who is active in Joplin Little Theatre.

The Vagina Monologues will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre. Tickets are $10 and may be reserved at the Taylor Auditorium box office.

Information on V-Day is available at www.vday.org. For local information, contact Whited at 623-5689.

CJSA hosts annual chili cook-off/feed

The Criminal Justice Student Association will be hosting its annual campus-wide chili cook-off/feed from 11a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the Justice Center, Room 125.

There is no cost to enter the contest. Persons entering their chili in the contest eat for free.

The prizes for the contest are as follows: first place, $100; second place, $50; and third place, $35.

To enter and for further details, contact Mike Hulderman at 625-9519 or at hulderman-m@mail.mssc.edu.

Individuals who would like to eat many different styles of chili, the cost is $4 for all-you-can-eat. There will also be a drawing for door prizes.

RENEWAL:

From Page 4

She passed away in January 1996. By the following summer I knew I no longer had a home to return to in Florida, so I began searching for a place I could make my new home.

When I saw the house on Twelfth Street in Ocala, I knew I had found the spot. It was an old, Spanish stucco house that was in great need of repair.

Perhaps it was because it was in such need that I chose it.

I needed to renew my life, and the challenge of bringing new life to an old 20's era house just seemed right and necessary. I think of my mom a lot as I work on the house.

I could not renew her body for her, so I renewed this structure, this house that was a home to a young Jewish family during the Depression, a home to a young West Virginia man and his bride seeking their fortunes in Florida in the peaceful '50s, a home to a middle-aged couple who, after moving to the new house next door, kept the old house as a rental in the turbulent '70s, a home to the vines and varmints that inhabited the house years before I arrived.

I have discovered that renewal is a constant and one of the most valuable life experiences.

Mowing a lawn in the hot Florida sun is renewal. Bringing an old 1951 Chevy back to its original state is renewal.

Restoring old furniture is renewal. But, the most important renewal is the one we must undertake every day.

We must believe that our loved ones are gifts, we must understand that they may disappear in an instant, and we must constantly renew our bonds with them.

By doing so, we allow love to transcend death, and we never look back with a wish that we had done something differently.

Campus club forms to teach about peace

NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Peace awareness is on the minds of several Missouri Southern students.

Colt Syne, freshman computer science major, is organizing a peace club on campus.

"Education is a big part, really voicing the idea that there are a lot of people against the war," Syne said.

He said the group is designed to make students around campus aware of current conditions around the globe. Syne said he has had success letting people know about the group through fliers and word of mouth.

Syne said the members of the club did not start the club because of the current conditions.

"This isn't just for Iraq," Syne said. "This is for peace in general."

He said there are wars going on in places few people hear about in the news.

"There are other ways to settle things," said Michelle Yipé, senior history major and member of the group.

Yipé disagrees with the current actions the government is taking on the terrorism issue.

"It's another way to get revenge," she said. "He's (President Bush) is giving us a scapegoat basically. I think we could have gotten them another way."

Yipé and Syne both said they were pacifists, but that they are the minorities of the group.

There are several instructors who support the group as well.

"I'm very enthusiastic about having students become more active in the movement that is growing across the country," said Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English.

Dworkin helped Syne and other members to come together to form a group. She said she has talked to several students who are eager to be involved.

"One of the reasons students in the past have been involved [in the peace movement is] because of the direct impact on them," Dworkin said.

Part of the new club's constitution that was adapted during its first meeting on Feb. 1 states the club will not have any elected officials.

The group plans to hold rallies, possible concerts, and many other events to get more students involved. Meetings are 1 p.m. every Saturday, but are subject to change after the second meeting. The club meets in the coffee shop downstairs in the Spiva Library.

WAR:

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During the Gulf War, Honeycutt was in high school. Back then, she didn't stay involved with current events, but with the latest round of war talks in the Middle East, it's a different story.

"I have children now," Honeycutt said. "This makes the situation totally different."

Although Byrd hopes for a peaceful solution with Iraq, she still believes in the U.S. government, regardless of what the future holds.

"I still have faith in the government and stand by them," Byrd said. "I think they are doing the best for everyone's well being."

Jon Frazier, sophomore education major, thinks President Bush's plan with Iraq is right on target.

"I think the war should have ended the first time we started with Iraq," Frazier said. "We need to take care of those who are threatening America."

OPTIONS:

From Page 1

those meals offered in the cafeteria. Carnahan said students will probably have two choices in the Lion's Den each day.

"We'll post menus several days in advance so kids know what they can get over here," he said. "We think it will draw a lot more students."

With more students comes the concern the Lion's Den could become overcrowded. Carnahan said that will be prevented by ordering more tables and chairs.

The computer software for scanning IDs will also be updated during the summer.

Rhonda Campbell, director of food services, likes the new plans.

"It gives them (students) more options because not all of them eat 20 meals," she said.

In addition to the new options, the College is in the process of putting the food service company contract out to bid. Ameriserve currently holds the contract. Carnahan said that will likely change next year.

"After next year, we even hope to expand and have more choices," he said. "But we didn't want to get too complex before we got our new food service company on board and started working with them."

The cafeteria hours will also change. Although permanent hours have not been decided upon, Carnahan said the hours will most likely be extended to the following: full breakfast will be served from 7-9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch will be served from 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4:30-7 p.m. On Saturdays, breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from noon-1 p.m., although Carnahan said 11 a.m.-1 p.m. is a possibility.

Although students will have new options, Carnahan said students may have one problem with the changes because residence hall fees will increase by 10 percent.

Mike Davis, junior finance major and student representative on the RHA Food Service Committee, agreed most students will appreciate the change but believes some will have a problem.

"Everybody will complain about prices going up," he said. "But it has to be done."

Several factors are contributing to the room and board hike – the addition of the new plans, a new food service contract and normal yearly increases. Carnahan said the biggest contributor is the fact the residence halls are not being filled.

"This is the first year in 25 years we haven't filled the residence halls to capacity," he said.

Despite the hike, Carnahan thinks student reaction will be mostly favorable.

"Our food program here on campus, we've always been the cheapest," he said. "But it's a dinosaur. It's time for a change."

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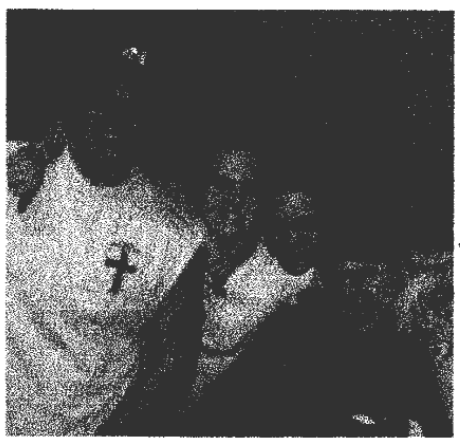

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Amanda Pulce, senior biology major, examines a plant species in the course plant Taxonomy of Flowering Plants, located in the department's herbarium. The herbarium room contains a library of plants for students to compare and study.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

New science focus equals money

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

An increased focus on life sciences could rake in more funding for Missouri colleges and universities.

But, according to local legislators, Missouri Southern is not on the list to receive any of that money.

"We are not getting a penny of the life science money in the Joplin area," said Steve Hunter (R-Joplin).

He said if more funding was given to Southern, it would mean new buildings and more jobs.

College President Julio León said movement toward life sciences began at the federal level and now Gov. Bob Holden is shifting importance to that area.

"I believe the Governor has made commitments to both Columbia and UMKC for either projects or facilities related to life sciences," León said.

He said since the University of Missouri is the major research university in the state, it has the capabilities to expand in the life science area.

"What we are hopeful of is that we can receive funding for our own new building called the Health Sciences Building," León said.

The governor, the Coordinating Board of Higher Education and the legislators have already approved $10 million to fund the new building, León said. The project was cut short after funds that were allocated to go to higher education were used to "plug the holes" in the budget.

"Our building went by the wayside," León said. "But, it's still in the list of priorities."

Promoting progress of life sciences, Holden said in his State of the State Address Jan. 15, is key to boosting the Missouri economy.

"Missouri is now poised to move forward in the 'knowledge- based' economy by focusing on innovation and the critical areas of the life sciences," Holden said.

Jane Cunningham (R-Chesterfield), chair of the House education committee, said she believes Missouri already has the groundwork it needs to excel in the area of life sciences.

"The basis is already in Missouri," she said. "So, we look at this as a huge opportunity that we need to consider right now. If we don't, other states will take it."

Bryan Stevenson (R-Joplin) agreed that life science is a worthy long-term goal.

"I want to make sure the life science push is not simply a ploy to redivert funding to certain institutions and stop fair distribution that we need to bring about," he said.

Southern is not the only institution left out of the plan, Stevenson said. Southwest Missouri State University and other colleges in the Southwest region are being over looked as well.

"It (funding) is all going along the I-70 corridor," he said. "We are going to take a serious look at addressing those issues."

Kathlyn Fares, (R-Webster Groves) chair of the House appropriation-education committee said there is some funding that is "earmarked" to go toward life sciences.

"We need to not do that as an expense to other educational institutions," Fares said. "We have to come up with the dollars and the window is very small."

Dr. Scott Wells, head of the biology department, said although he would like to see some of the funds, he understands why his department won't receive any.

"I understand there are limited amounts and unlimited wants," Wells said. "There are some tough decisions that have to be made."

Funding aside, Cunningham thinks this is a "phenomenal" area of study.

"The colleges are actually the ones to benefit by this," she said. "The governor, the speaker of the house and the president pro tem of the senate are all in agreement that our higher education institutions are very critical toward this whole puzzle.

"I think it's going to be big."

Fares said right now the issue is just about talking.

"There's room for further negotiation," she said.

"But, the money tree is not going to have many leaves."

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Governor's threat worries institutions

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Education is on the chopping block and Gov. Bob Holden is holding the ax; lawmakers, he warns, must pass his tobacco legislation.

Holden recently described the cuts during a meeting of the Missouri School Boards' Association in Jefferson City. Public education's checkbook will become thinner, $360 million thinner, if legislators don't authorize the selling of tobacco bonds. Under Holden's plan, elementary and secondary education will lose $259 million, and state institutions of higher education will have to part with $91 million of their funding.

In the tobacco plan that Holden proposed, the existing Board of Public Buildings would issue the bonds. Having the state's credit to back it up, the bonds would be less of a risk for holders. In turn it would save the state $100 million in interest over the life of the bond.

Legislators, to make the plan complete, would have to pass a spending bill to enable the treasury access to money if the bond debt needed to be paid.

"This is the same thing he (Holden) did last year," said Jane Cunningham (R-Chesterfield). "He's holding the educational institutions hostage to his desire.

"I don't like that way of trying to get something passed."

College President Julio León, said he's in favor of the tobacco securitization, and he hopes the governor and Assembly members will come to an agreement on the issue.

"I understand that he has to cut somewhere, but I wish the cuts were from everybody, not just education," León said. "We're in danger of losing another 10 percent ($2 million), and I think we're going to get a cut next year too."

León said if Missouri Southern does endure such a blow, he sees no other way to fix the problem other than to raise tuition, reasonably.

The only way to keep the raise "reasonable," he said, is by cutting.

"I want my money here, obviously," León said. "I don't want to have to cut."

Governor's FY 2004 Funding Recommendation for Institutions of Higher Education

•Missouri Southern State College	$19,211,851
•Missouri Western State College	$19,716,110
•Northwest Missouri State University	$28,991,464
•Truman State University	$42,108,894
•Southeast Missouri State University	$45,273,509
•Central Missouri State University	$55,597,699
•Southwest Missouri State University	$80,294,626
•University of Missouri	$411,147,559

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Lincoln University approves face lift

Lincoln University approved a $45 million plan Jan. 31, that will make improvements to the campus.

The new master plan replaces one that is a decade old. In the revised plan, the university's football field will be renovated along with a buy-out project for students wanting to move off campus.

Among other improvements, the university will get a new drainage and sprinkler irrigation system.

Mice test proves cells fight virus

Researchers at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis have found immune cells that would play a role in defending the body against West Nile Virus.

The results, which are published in the February issue of the *Journal of Virology*, found that cells called B cells and the antibodies they produce are defenders against the virus.

Mice that lacked the B cells and antibodies were, according to the research, unable to fight the virus. They ended up developing brain and spinal-cord infections and eventually died. However, if the mice were injected with the B cells, they could resist the infection.

Faculty acquires patents for SMSU

Following two years of efforts by Southwest Missouri State University faculty and their colleagues, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued three patents to the university's Board of Governors.

This is the first time patents have been issued at SMSU.

The three patents are "System and Method for Assessing Breathing and Vocal Tract Sound Production of a User," "Polyethylene Glycol Diene Derivatives" and "Doped, Organic Carbon-Containing Sensor for Infrared Detection and A Process for the Preparation Thereof."

Truman gains top ranking in region

For the sixth year in a row, *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" 2003 guide named Truman State University No. 1 in the Midwestern Region-Master's category.

Truman also ranked eighth in the Midwestern region among both private and public institutions. It is the only public university in Missouri to be included in either ranking.

The Midwest region is made up of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Rankings are based on graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni donations and peer assessments among institutions that mainly focus on undergraduate and master's-level programs.

Governor appoints Allen to represent

Gov. Bob Holden appointed Stacey Allen, junior elementary education major, to the position of student representative for the Missouri Southern Board of Regents.

Allen, who is expected to graduate in Dec. 2002, is secretary on the Student Senate and student intramural coordinator, managing a staff of 12 students. She is replacing Zackery W. Odem, junior accounting major.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

St. John's class helps people quit smoking

St. John's Regional Medical Center will offer classes to help people quit smoking.

The first "Freedom From Smoking" class will begin Tuesday.

Future classes will begin on Feb. 18, 25, and 27; March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Cost is $60 and all classes will be held in the education classroom at St. John's.

For information or to sign up for a class, call Christine Barnes, RRT, at 625-2096.

Blood Center supplies blood to the military

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks announced Feb. 3 it will work in coordination with America's Blood Centers.

America's Blood Centers, which is a network of blood centers, helps replenish the military's supply during wartime. This agreement was made with the military because of the threat of a war with Iraq.

The CBCO's next area drive will be from noon-6 p.m., Monday at Mun Auditorium on West Main Street in Neosho.

Donations can also be made from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursdays at the Joplin donation center, 2639 E. 32 St.

For information, contact the CBCO at 626-8323, toll-free at 866-401-5143 or consult its Web site at www.cbco.org.

Area hospital honors seven 'best' workers

Freeman Health System recognized seven of its employees at its first Freeman Best Awards.

The event, held Jan. 30., acknowledged the employees, each from a different department for their outstanding performance last year.

Freeman plans on holding the event annually.

Diverse options exist for video rentals

BY T.J. GERLACH
City Editor

Those who rent movies in the area have a wide selection of vendors.

Each vendor also offers its customers different renting options as well as a competitive price.

The newest video store in the area, Hitz Entertainment at 1313 S. Range Line Road, opened late last year. Hitz is the only rental store in the area that only rents movies in DVD format.

It rents the newest titles, "hot hitz," for $3.28 and other new releases for $2.99. Older movies, or category movies, rent for $1.99, with some titles set at 99 cents.

All of Hitz's movies rent for seven days, except the hot hitz, which rent for only three days.

Bill Wills, owner of Hitz Entertainment, set the prices himself after examining local competitors' prices.

"We had a general idea [of what to charge], but we didn't want to be more expensive than the others," said Oscar Gonzalez, manager of Hitz Entertainment.

Blockbuster Video, at 1001 S. Range Line Road, charges $3.79 for its two-day rentals, which are new releases out for fewer than three weeks. Seven day new releases rent for $3.49.

"Of course older titles go down in price," said Dwayne Dunlap, assistant manager of Blockbuster.

This franchise store sets its prices in accordance with the corporate office and does not examine local competitors' prices.

Crown Video has three locations in Joplin and one in Neosho, but any item may be rented from any location and returned to any location.

All of the Crown Video locations charge the same prices for their items. "Red hot releases" rent for $3.28 and older new releases are $3 and category titles rent for 49 cents, $1 or $2.

All items rent for seven days, except the red hot releases, which rent for three to five days, depending on what day the title is rented.

Movie Gallery, at 1460 N. Madison in Webb City, another national chain store, rents new releases for $3.29 for either one or five days, but a one day can be made a five-day rental by adding 99 cents to the price. Its "gallery" titles rent for $2.29 and children's movies rent for $1.99, both for five days.

Hastings management declined to comment for this story.

Each vendor also has its own policy toward late fees.

Movie Gallery's computers automatically renew items for the same price and the same length of time as the initial rental.

Crown Video charges half the rental price of an item for each day it is past due, but it has a grace period that lasts until the store opens the following morning

At Blockbuster Video, all rentals are due by noon with a two-hour grace period. If the item is not returned by that time, two-day rentals are charged $1.25 for every day past due and $2.35 per day on seven-day rentals. This policy differs from the corporate policy, which is similar to Movie Gallery's.

Hitz Entertainment charges $1 for every day past due on items $2.99 and up. Rentals that were $1.99 are charged 50 cents per day and 99 cent rentals are charged 25 cents per day. Hitz also has a 24-hour grace period on its return times.

Hitz customers also have another option for rentals. It offers an unlimited rental program. The program allows patrons to pay a flat fee to rent two, three or four DVDs out at one time and bring them back at anytime for more rentals. This can be done as often as the customer wishes for the 30-day period.

A similar program is offered for games.

Blockbuster offers customers its "Rewards" program, which allows customers to earn free rentals with the rentals.

"It's a good deal," Dunlap said. "It keeps customers coming back."

Crown Video offers a $1 off deal on rentals to customers. If certain new release titles are rented and returned before 9 p.m. the following day, customers receive a $1 credit on their account.

Other than just renting DVDs and games, Hitz allows customers to special order almost anything at discount prices, including high-priced electronics. Hitz also rents titles that no other video store would carry.

"We're trying to be different," Gonzalez said. "Other places don't carry Indie, foreign or anime films."

While the one store is its only location, Hitz plans on creating a chain of stores in the area and eventually into Springfield.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Lois Adams, Eccentrix's buyer, travels across the country to buy items for the store.

Store trades in variety

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

Many businesses have a style that will set them apart from all the rest.

This is the case for one recently opened Joplin store.

Eccentrix, located on East 32nd Street, has a variety of merchandise to offer its customers.

"We're more than a bookstore," said Ben Campbell, manager of Eccentrix. "We have something for everyone."

It offers a large selection of books, music and movies, but that is not all. The store offers a large selection of antiques as well as Native American artwork. Located in the back of the store is an art gallery, featuring local artists such as Bob Tommey.

A retro department featuring vintage clothing from the '50s, '60s and '70s is also located in the store.

Ron Erwin, owner of Eccentrix, decide to open the store after selling the Bookbarn. His main focus in opening the store was to concentrate on great customer service.

He made sure the staff was experienced. The employees are experts in their areas, such as books, music, artwork, etc.

"Customer service is one thing that we have over other stores," Campbell said.

Many customers appreciate what Eccentrix has to offer.

"Eccentrix is a great place with selectism," said Ken Daniel, Joplin resident. "It is not mainstream. Where else can I find the movie Initial D?"

"They have a very great selection; it's easy to find what you are looking for."

Many customers might agree the prices are competitive with other stores.

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'Poised' Lions win hard fought battle

BY KEITH ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

With his father in attendance to celebrate his birthday on Feb. 5, sophomore guard Hiram Ocasio scored 16 points to lead Missouri Southern to its second straight win and its seventh out of its last nine games.

"I was excited tonight because my dad was here to see me play on his birthday, and I wanted to play well for him," Ocasio said.

The Lions' 72-57 win over Central Missouri State University started out somewhat sloppy for both teams. The Lions and Mules had trouble putting points on the board and protecting the basketball for the first 10 minutes of the game, but they both got on track and made the end of the first half exciting.

After exchanging scores for a few minutes, Southern went ahead late in the first half and went into the break leading 36-31.

The bright spots for the Lions in the first half were the play of Ocasio on offense and defense and the scoring of junior guard MacKenzie Sherrel, who added nine points off the bench in the half.

Lions 72

Mules 57

The usual leaders of the team, junior guard Ameer Watts and senior forward Jamahr Warren, were held in check by the Mules' defense.

The second half proved to be considerably different for the Lions as they jumped out quickly on the visiting Mules. By about midway through the second half, they began to pull away from Central and built up a double digit lead that remained for the duration of the game.

Southern head coach Robert Corn said there was no doubt that it was "an ugly game but a beautiful win."

The win,Corn said, was a must to build up some much-needed confidence for the team to carry with it on upcoming conference road games.

"There aren't going to be any easy wins out there for us, and the dogfights are just going to continue for us in the conference, especially on the road," Corn said.

Next up for Southern is a road game at Northwest Missouri State University, which Corn believes will be a hard-fought competition.

"We have to go in there with some poise," Corn said. "We can't let anything outside the lines affect the way we play.

"We have played pretty good on the road at times this season, and hopefully the team has matured enough to go out and play well on the road to finish out the season."

The Lions will also have some tough conference home games, including games against boarder rival Pittsburg State and the University of Missouri-Rolla, who handed them a loss on Jan. 29 in Rolla.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Junior forward, Darrell Redmond goes after the loose ball during the Feb. 1 game against SBU.

"We have to just go out, keep playing hard and do what we've been doing all year," Ocasio said about moving into the final month of the regular season.

"We want to be in a good position for the conference tournament, and we feel like we can finish the season strong."

Turner jumps into 10-foot record breaker at second meet

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

The Lady Lions track and field team traveled to the University of Oklahoma for the J.D. Martin Invitational.

The team did not have as good of a showing as the opening meet, but a couple of individuals were able to flourish in their events.

The team mostly faced Division I competition from schools like the University of Arkansas, Wichita State University, Kansas State University, the University of Texas-Arlington and OU.

"We had some real mixture, we had some bright spots, we had some spots where we needed improvement," said head coach Patty Vavra.

"I think we improved…we did a really good job," said vaulter Melissa Turner.

Some of the bright spots included sophomore pole vaulter Turner, who broke the indoor school record with a height of 10-10. Sophomore Danee Jones improved her distance in the weight throw with a toss of 57-9. Jen Noelken placed seventh in the mile run with a time of 5:20, and Alisha Adams placed fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:18.

Results from the running events included: in the 200-meter dash, Ashley Fisher placed 17th; in the 400-meter dash, Iashia Castle placed eighth; in the one-mile run, Megan Russell placed ninth and Michelle Brenner placed 10th; in the 800-yard run, Megan Russell placed 14th; in the 3,000-meter run, Johanna Kanala placed eighth, and Rachel Patterson placed 10th; and in the mile relay, Southern finished seventh.

Results from the indoor events included: in the high jump, Sara Mueller placed 10th; in the triple jump, Charmaine Kent placed eighth; in the shot put, Jones placed ninth; and in the weight throw, Shonna Sherrell placed 12th.

This week the team will host its second indoor meet of the season and it will also be the first time the Lady Lions will get to see other MIAA schools, besides Pittsburg State, in competition. Emporia State University will be the only conference school not attending this pre-conference championship meet.

"I think that we will see as competitive field this week (compared to last week)," Vavra said. "We're going to have a few more people than we did the first meet…and you'll see a competitive group of performers within a small amount of time and distance in this meet."

The Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open Invitational begins at 5 p.m. Friday at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Saturday's events begin at 11 a.m. On Sunday, there will be a high school meet at noon. Any high school student is welcome to compete.

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Lions fall short at Oklahoma, have high hopes for next meet

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago at home, the Lions started the season out with good performances, individually as well as a team.

This past week, though, the team didn't fair as well in the standings, but certain individuals excelled from their previous performances.

The Lions traveled to the University of Oklahoma to take part in the J.D. Martin Invitational on Feb. 1.

The team competed against teams such as the University of North Texas, Kansas State University, Barton County Community College, Oklahoma State University and OU.

"It was a good quality meet, it was very hot," said head coach Tom Rutledge. "The bottom line is that we just didn't look good, we looked very sluggish."

"We have to be more Spartanistic, we have to learn that we can do these things, because that's the way it is."

The results from the meet included: in the 200-meter dash, Moses Magnus placed 23rd and Demarcus Mathis placed 24th; in the 400-meter dash, Shannon Freeman placed 11th; in the one-mile run, Brian Lyons placed third with a time of 4:17; in the 600-yard run, B.J. Blocher placed 13th and Aaron Armstrong placed 15th; in the 800-meter run, Thomas Quaid placed fourth with a time of 1:59, Michael Sutter placed seventh with a time of 2:00, Lucas Plocher placed 12th and Fredrick Amukonyi placed 16th; in the 3,000-meter run, Southern placed second, third, fourth, fifth and 11th, with Magnus Holmstrom, Petri Kykyri, Larry Boswell, Craig Rhoads and Paul Koehler, respectfully; and in the one-mile relay, the Lions placed 11th and 13th.

In the field, the results included: in pole vault, Seth Isringhausen placed third and Kyle Rutledge placed ninth; in the triple jump, Michael Stewart placed ninth; in the shot put, Jamie Tallman placed 11th; and in the weight throw, Arley Smith placed seventh and Tallman placed 12th.

This week the team hosts its second indoor meet of the season, the Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open Invitational, at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

"I think the team has a pretty good mindset coming into this week," said distance runner Paul Koehler.

"We're back at our home track. We performed well last week, so we will probably perform better this week."

This meet will be the first time this season the Lions have seen MIAA teams besides Pittsburg State or Southwest Baptist. Rutledge and his team will have its first real chance to see the conference competition.

Short distance is a key focus on the mind of Rutledge this week, because he thinks those will be key to winning the conference championship.

"We're going to have to get up for this meet whether we're tired or not, and being a home meet, we're going to have to focus in," Rutledge said.

The events start Friday at 5 p.m. and at 11 a.m. Saturday. There will also be a high school track meet taking place at noon on Sunday.

Any high school athletes in the area are welcome to enter the competition.

Track Results- Feb. 1

200-meter dash	Moses Magnus-23rd, Demarcus Mathis-24th
400-meter dash	Shannon Freeman-11th,
One-mile run	Brian Lyons-3rd-4:17
600-yard run	B.J. Blocher-13th, Aaron Armstrong-15th
800-meter run	Thomas Quaid-4th-1:59, Michael Sutter-7th-2:00, Lucas Plocher-12th, Fredrick Amukonyi-16th.
3,000-meter run	Southern-2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 11th.

SOUTHERN SCORES

Women's Basketball

Feb. 1
Home

MSSC (68)
Messick 0-0 3-4 9, Silva 1-1 2-2 13, Koenig 0-1 1-2 11, Rzeszut 4-8 2-2 14, Inman 0-2 0-0 0,, Deen 1-1 0-0 3, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Harrell 0-0 2-2 12.

SBU (63)
Mercer 0-0 1-2 15, Smith 0-0 5-6 11, Miller 2-4 2-2 12, Ramirez 2-3 0-0 12, Wheeler 1-6 1-1 8, Clymore 0-0 0-0 0, Goldsmith 1-1 0-0 5. Hancock 0-0 0-2 0.

Halftime-MSSC 37, SBU 28. Fouled Out-MSSC-None.
Three-point goals — Rzeszut 7, , Slinker 2, Silva 1.
Rebounds-MSSC 29 (Messick 8), SBU 22 (Smith 6).
Assists-MSSC 18 (Rzezsut 5), SBU 18 (Miller 5).
Total fouls-MSSC-10, SBU 13.

Feb. 5
Home

MSSC (68)
Messick 0-0 0-0 4, Silva 0-0 7-8 19, Koenig 0-0 0-0 4, Rzeszut 4-11 6-6 18, Slinker 3-3 2-2 11, Inman 0-0 1-2 1, Deen 1-1 0-0 3, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Harrell 0-0 0-0 8.

CMSU (63)
Orendorff 0-0 6-6 12, Richardson 0-0 0-0 6, Kelley 0-1 1-2 3, Shackelford 0-6 4-6 16, Lehe 0-1 2-2 14, Oldfield 0-0 0-0 4, Brown 0-0 0-0 4, Rorvig 0-0 1-2 1, Millham 1-4 0-0 3, Butterworth 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime-MSSC 36 , CMSU 36.
Fouled Out — CMSU-Richardson.
Three-point goals — Rzeszut 4, Slinker 3, Deen 1.
Rebounds-MSSC 29 (Silva 5), CMSU 32 (Orendorff 8).
Assists- MSSC 15 (Koeing 6), CMSU 8 (Kelley 4).
Total fouls-MSSC 14 , CMSU 16.

Men's Basketball

Feb. 1
Home

MSSC (92)
Warren 1-2 1-2 24, Rose 1-3 2-5 9, Scheirer 0-0 2-2 8, Watts 2-3 6-6 14, Ocasio 2-4 2-2 12, Hice 0-0 0-0 2, Cruse 0-0 0-1 4, Sherrel 0-0 0-0 2, Aponte 0-1 0-0 1, Redmond 0-0 5-8 17.

SBU (80)
Houge 8–13 0-0 32, Jackson K. 0-0 2-2 6, Jackson M. 0-2 0-0 6, Couthcie0-2 0-0 0, Stock 0-1 8-10 22, Butler 0-2 0-0 0, Walker 0-0 0-1 2, Jenkerson 0-0 0-0 0, McCormick 0-4 0-2 12.

Halftime — MSSC 45, SBU 35.
Three-point goals — Watts 2, Ocasio 2, Warren 1, Rose 1.
Fouled out-None.
Rebounds — Southern 39 (Warren 8), SBU 34 (Stock 9).
Assists — Southern 19 (Watts 7), SBU 21 (Stock 13).
Total fouls — Southern 19, SBU 22.
Technical fouls — None.

Feb. 5
Home

MSSC (72)
Warren 1-2 0-2 7, Scheirer 0-0 0-0 8, Rose 0-1 0-2 10, Watts 1-5 1-1 6, Ocasio 2-5 2-4 16, Hice 0-0 0-0 0, Cruse 0-0 3-4 3, Sherrel 4-8 0-0 14, Aponte 1-3 0-0 3, Redmond 0-0 0-0 0.

CMSU (57)
Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Rhodes 0-1 3-4 11, Debaun 0-0 1-1 7, Collins 3-9 1-2 18, Mcfall 4-8 0-0 16, Rorvig 0-1 0-0 0, Haynes 0-2 0-0 0liver 0-0 3-3 5, Marquez 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime — MSSC 36, CMSU 31.
Fouled Out — None.
Three-point goals — Sherrel 4, Ocasio 2, Watts 1, Warren 1, Aponte 1.
Rebounds — MSSC 36 (Scheirer 7), CMSU 38 (Debaun 11).
Assists — MSSC 18 (Watts 8), CMSU 11 (Rhodes 6).
Total fouls — MSSC 13, CMSU 16.

Team prepares for three phases

BY KEITH ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern baseball team has high hopes for the upcoming season.

But, as head coach Warren Turner is quick to point out, not too high.

Warren's coaching philosophy, although time-tested and battle proven, may strike sports followers as unorthodox. Among the goals set for this season, Warren includes being at least .500, making the conference tournament and giving his team the best chance to play well and win.

"Sure, everybody wants to win 30 games or more, but a team can win too much," Turner said. "Winning breeds complacency and a good team cannot be complacent."

These may not be the most inspiring goals, but the team has come to embrace them and play the way Turner expects.

"Coach [Turner] may be different, but he is fair and he knows what he's doing," said senior first baseman Darin Nonenmaker. "Players don't question what he says because he's proven himself over the years."

Turner, despite his less-than-optimistic goals, is optimistic, however, about the way his team is shaping up, and he is looking forward to seeing how it responds to game situations and the grueling season.

The Lions have a good base of returning players that are expected to be the team leaders.

"Our returning players, like Nonenmaker, know what to expect from me and the college baseball season," Turner said. "They are going to have to help the new guys get accustomed to the way the season will go."

In addition to the nucleus of returning players, Turner also expects to see contributions from a few of his new players. He is looking forward to Dane Carver and Mark Catanzaro, both junior college transfers, to fill in holes offensively. Pitchers Charlie Robinson and Jeff Taylor, senior and freshman respectively, are expected to round out the pitching staff.

"The team is really becoming a family," Turner said. "I put a big emphasis on the family aspect and togetherness of the team, and these guys are coming together great. This is a nice team. But, it has a lot of work to do to get to where it needs to be."

The Lions are certain to get some experience early in the season, and, Turner said, "hopefully they will learn some lessons on the first road trip."

The first road trip takes the Lions to Dallas and Fayetteville to face Dallas Baptist and the University of Arkansas.

This "first phase" of the season, as Turner calls it, is a kind of spring training for the team. It gives the players a chance to play some tough competition and learn a few lessons early in the season.

"The first trip is an opportunity for the players to learn how to handle successes and some failures, and the earlier they learn those lessons, the better," Turner said.

"Phase two" of the season occurs between late February and late March when the Lions host four round robin tournaments at Joe Becker Stadium. This phase, the head coach said, gives the team the chance to play as much as it possibly can against as many different teams as possible and prepare it for the "third phase" of the season, the MIAA conference schedule.

The conference has been dominated by Central Missouri State University. But the Lions have their sights set on CMSU and feel confident they are the team most likely to dethrone the Mules.

"Every year we look to beat Central, and every year we just fall a little short," Nonenmaker said. "This year I think we have the best shot in the conference at knocking them off, and hopefully we won't fall short."

No matter how the Lions fare against CMSU this year, Nonenmaker said he is "confident the team will make the conference tournament and hopeful to progress from there."

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Nathan Hughes, junior economics major, takes his turn during batting practice Feb. 5. The baseball team headed to Dallas to play its first game Feb. 6.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Lady Lions catcher Mary Barrow, sophomore, throws to pitcher Callie Stanford during their Jan. 4 practice in Young Gymnasium. The Lady Lions start their season on Feb. 15.

Interim coach seeks team cooperation

Lady Lions begin season Feb. 15

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

Fans of the Lady Lions softball team will see a new face up front this season — head coach Jennifer Jimerson.

A Missouri Southern alumna, Jimerson holds five career records at the College. As a former player, she's aware of the task at hand.

"She's really up beat, really excited," said Haley Hodson, sophomore secondary education major. "She brings a new freshness to the team."

"Sometimes the older coaches get stuck in their ways and don't bring anything new in," said Alese Woolard, sophomore secondary education major.

"She does a great job of incorporating new ideas."

Her new plans are to focus more on defense.

With a small roster including only two starting pitchers, Jimerson has been given a small challenge this season, but one she plans to rise to.

"That's a lot of pressure to put on someone to say 'strike everyone out,'" Jimerson said.

"My philosophy is to let them hit it. We have the defense to get them out."

Another hurdle for Jimerson is the size of her team.

The Lady Lions roster has only 13 active players and one injured player.

"Obviously we don't have a large team so far as numbers, so everyone will have to contribute." Jimerson said. "Hopefully we'll avoid injuries. That will be a key to our success this year. We do have a small team, but a quality team.

"One strength last year was the depth our team had, and that will definitely come into play this spring."

With the season approaching, Jimerson hopes to get cooperation not only from the team but from the weather. Cold, rain and snow have put a limit as to how much time the team gets on the field.

"We've gotten outside only about five times this year," Jimerson said.

"The hitting is coming along real well, and I think we'll have a strong defense."

Jimerson hopes to improve upon certain aspects of the team before its first game, which will be played at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at home against Southern Illinois.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Freshman guard, Carol Koenig, evades a Southwest Baptist player during the Feb. 1 game. The Lions won the game 68-63.

Lions back on track, two wins

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After suffering a loss against the University of Missouri-Rolla Jan. 29, the women of Lady Lion basketball came back with a win against the Lady Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University.

The Lady Lions' theory that they cannot lose at home proved itself on Feb. 1 as 1,100 fans turned out to watch.

Missouri Southern lost to SBU earlier this season in a close game, but the Lady Bearcats could not pull off another win on Lion turf. The Lady Lions kept a nine-point lead over SBU in the second half. With only two minutes remaining, SBU managed to tie the game at 63-63. Southern pulled through leaving SBU lacking five points in a final score of 68-63.

Senior guard Jacquie Rzezsut held the game highs with three 3-pointers and scoring a total of 14 points.

"We have all changed our mindset and have become more focused," said junior forward Wyketha Harrell.

Senior guard Charity Slinker stepped in to start the game for Southern, scoring six points.

"I'm just going out and playing my hardest to do the best that I can for the team," Slinker said.

On Feb. 5, the Lady Lions welcomed the Lady Jennies of Central Missouri State University to Joplin. Southern suffered a 76-72 loss from the Lady Mules in early January, but were able to make up for it in a 68-63 win.

"The game wasn't as pretty as we would have liked it to be," Slinker said. "But we pulled it out in the end."

The Lady Lions finished the second half in a 36-36 tie with CMSU. The second half was back and forth in scoring, with Southern fighting to stay in the lead. With one minute on the clock, the Lady Lions led 66-63. In the last 23 seconds, Jennie guard Kinsey Lehe made a foul on Rzezsut, allowing her to score two additional free-throw points and giving Southern the five-point lead to finish the game.

"I think we are playing a lot as a team," said junior center Lucimara Silva. "We were doing a good job with defense."

Jennie center Melissa Richardson fouled out during the game. Proving they cannot lose at home is only a part of what the Lady Lions need to finish out the season.

"We have all become players instead of participants," Harrell said.

The Lady Lions are preparing for the 1:30 p.m. Saturday game in Maryville against Northwest Missouri State University. The women lost 78-72 to Northwest earlier this season.

"Its a very important game," Slinker said. "A must win. And we think this is one that we can go get."